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Strike

off today

after mass

shutdown

**EVELYN GORDON and Itim** 

SOME 250,000 workers went on

strike yesterday, as the nation suf-

fered yet another day of work

stoppages that shut down vital ser-

vices, affecting everything from

The strike affected almost the

entire public sector, although

unlike Sunday's shutdowns, yes-

terday saw the strike broken at

Finance Minister Dan Meridor

and Histadrut chairman Amir

Peretz met for three hours last

night to discuss the ongoing strike.

After a meeting with the strike

committee, Peretz announced that

Histadrut officials had decided to

cancel today's strike for 24 hours.

Meridor earlier said he would

efer to negotiate with the Histadrut rather than be forced to

issue more restraining orders. He

accused the Histadrut of running

roughshod over the legal system

and undermining the Knesset's standing as a legislative body. "It is time for the Histadrut and

its leadership to show some

responsibility and stop this step,

which has no real justification or

real reason," he said. He denied

the strike broke out because of a

lack of communication between

the government and the Histadrul,

strike is largely directed against

two elements of the economic

arrangements hill accompanying

the budget - a proposal to tax the

ports, airports, and railways, and a proposal to eliminate the extra

half tax-credit married women

currently enjoy. The latter, which

was a last-minute addition to the

bill on the government's part, is to

come up for a vote in the plenum

this afternoon. (See story, Page 3)

tially a lost cause, since it was

approved in second reading last

week. Once a section of a bill has

been approved in second reading,

the only way for it to be killed

would be for the coalition to vote

Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon met

resterday with both Meridor and

Peretz, but said afterward that he

did not intend to try to mediate

between the two. Tichon said the

purpose of the meeting was merely

tions, since the dispute may result

in procedural arguments being

raised during the voting on the eco-

nomic arrangements hill. Tichon

would have to rule on any such

According to an aide to Tichon.

Peretz said that President Ezer

Weizman had called him from

India to ask him to end the strike.

he sees no justification in giving women an extra tax credit just

secause they are women, as

opposed to the tax credits they get,

for instance, for having children.

He told Ticbon he is willing to

sit down and talk with Peretz at

any point, but on condition that

the strikers obey injunctions

issued by the labor courts. The

government cannot countenance

From 6 a.m. yesterday, the

nation's health system, including

Kupat Holim clinics, government

Bospitals, and community services

were shut down. Hospitals were

on a Shabbat footing, and hun-

dreds of operations and treatments

contempt of the courts, he said.

Meridor reiterated to Tichon that

arguments.

to understand the two sides' pos

against the entire bill.

The former, however, is essen-

According to the Histadrut, the

several work places.

banks to Internet connections.

## US: No deadlines in Hebron pact

### Ross meets PM, Arafat to close deal

DAVID MAKOVSKY and JON IMMANUEL

THE attached American document accompanying the Hebron accord is not expected to include future deadlines related to Palestinian and Israeli compliance with the Oslo Accords, with the exception of the first IDF pullback beyond Hebron and the resumption of final status talks, US officials said yesterday.

Special Middle East peace coordinator Dennis Ross, who returned here yesterday in a bid to seal the deal, met last night with Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and then was expected to begin talks with Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat.

Ross is expected to meet again with Netanyahn today to follow-np the Arafat meeting. The results of those meetings will determine if there is an adequate basis for a meeting today between Netanyahu and Arafat to initial the deal. One official put the odds at "50-50."

Israel has been seeking an American document, called "Note for the Record," which will deal with questions of extradition of suspected Palestinian terrorists, disarming Hamas, and reducing the size of Palestinian security forces. However, no deadlines are

Senior Israeli officials have already admitted that there is no linkage in the US document between Israeli and Palestinian compliance.

It is also possible that there may be a date for the release of four Palestinian prisoners who were accomplices to murder.

In the document, Israel agrees to open parallel talks on other issues such as safe passage between the West Bank and Gaza, the opening of an airport in Gaza, and the easing of the closure.

dates.

terms of

Palestinians are seeking assurances that Netanyahu will implement all three further pullbacks in the West Bank, and not seek to skip the last two hy jumping directly to final status talks. Arah and Israeli officials indicated last

While the Palestinians are seeking dates on all three additional pullbacks, some believe that they would be content with general language. Israel has committed itself to provide an exact date for the first pullback, but not the two others. According to the Oslo 2 agreement, all three pullbacks are scheduled to occur hy next September.

Netanyahu has said he prefers to move up the final status talks, believing that the three pullbacks deprive him of territorial leverage, before dealing with such thorny issues as Jerusalem.

"We have exhausted the negotiations," one Netanyahu aide said last night, "If there are differences, they should be discussed between the leaders themselves; there is nothing more we can do."

Officials in the Prime Minister's Office say that Netanyahu also told Ross that Israel will not agree to joint Israeli-Palestinians patrols around the Machpela Cave. Some bave described this as a "red-line." One alternative being considered is that the Moslem Walef at the Cave would begin a liaison relationship with the local Israeli-Palestinian coordinating office.

Iamil Tarifi, the head of the Palestinian civilian delegation, told Israel Radio last night that there are aspects of construction in . Jewish areas of Hebron that have considers the civilian section of the



US special envoy Dennis Ross (center), accompanied by US ambassador Martin Indyk (right), arrives at the Knesset for a meeting with Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu yesterday. (Renter)

Arafat's deputy Mahmoud Abbas said he "hoped" an agreement would be reached by today. Yesterday's talks were given a boost by the apparent success of Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai's meeting with Arafat on Sunday night: Mordechai him-[Arafat's nom-de-guerre] were excellent. The chairman gave

guidelines to his team to go forward, and I think we can diminish the gaps considerably. If that happens the prime minister, and Chairman Arafat will arrange a meeting through Dennis Ross."

Yesterday's talks took place on "several levels - security, drafting, ued to return to Gaza and report back to Arafat.

"Redeployment from Hebron

will take place a week after the announcement of an agreement,"

negotiator Mohammed Dahlan, head of Palestinian preventive security in Gaza, told Reuters. Sach Erekat said the two sides would discuss increasing the interinclude Turkey, Italy, Sweden, and

Switzerland, as well as Norway.

### US to help Israel capitalize on agreement

DAVID MAKOVSKY

THE US has pledged to help Israel seize the momentum of a Hebron pullback agreement to improve its low regional standing. US offi-cials said yesterday. "We have told Israel that we will

help it gain a bounce from a Hebron deal to help its regional position," said one US official, who would only say that he expects even the Egyptians to play

a constructive role to this end. Foreign Ministry officials say they are holding preliminary consultations with Arab countries to improve Israel's troubled regional position, which has deteriorated over the last several months.

Egypt has been one of the Netanyahu government's fiercest regional critics and has counseled the Palestinians not to accept Israeli positions in negotiations. Egyptian sources also complain that Israel has not consulted it enough during the talks. Yet last week, Egyptian President Hosni Muharak informed Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai that he would myite Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu to Cairo after a Hebron deal.

Egyptian officials said last night that an exact date has yet to be

Netanyahu was last in Egypt in July, but subsequently Mubarak said he would not invite him back because he felt he violated a promise to pull out of Hebron within weeks. For the same reason. Mubarak did not attend the White House summit convened by Western Wall Tunnel incident.

Also due to the tunnel affair, (Continued on Page 2)

### Palestinian killed in Gush Katif

A PALESTINIAN who entered the Kfar Darom settlement in Gush Katif and tried to attack a resident there was shot and killed last night, a settlement spokeswornan said. The incursion took place at about

IDF officials believe, after an ini-

was unarmed and without identifica-tion papers. They said he was shot, while sneaking into the settlement, by a resident who was following IDF regulations for shooting someone suspected of infiltration.

Kfar Darom residents were instructed by the IDF to stay inside their homes. Herb Keinon

### Woman, 52, gives birth to triplets

A 52-YEAR-OLD woman from Moshav Shalva in the South yester-day gave birth to her first children - triplets - by cesarean section at Beersheba's Soroka Hospital. Sbe is the oldest woman in the country

to give birth to triplets.
The embryos had been produced hy in-vitro fertilization at the private Herzliya Medical Center, following five similar attempts in other hospitals during her 10-year

marriage. The woman, Tova Gamliel, and her husband Zion were thrilled over the birth of the healthy triplets, two boys and a girl. She had been hospitalized for a prolonged period at Soroka's high-

risk pregnancy unit.
The hospitals did not disclose whether the ova had been donated hy another woman, but this is usually the case when older women undergo IVF. Judy Siegel

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tial investigation, that the Palestinian Tax-credit proposal defeated .

THE government's proposal to climinate the half tax-credit enjoyed by married women was defeated late last night, but the rest of the Economic Arrangements Law accompa-nying the budget passed its second reading. Story, Page 3

### Israelis love Arafat... when he's a puppet

Jerusalem Post Staff

YASSER Arafat may not win any popularity contests among the Israeli public, but the doll that imitates him on Channel 2's Hartzufim satire program was the hands-down winner in a Gallup poll for Army Radio this week.

Of the 511 people surveyed, 15.9 percent said the Arafat doll, whose fast-talking, stuttering charm always steals the show, is their favorite. In second place was the doll modelled after Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, with 10%. Opposition leader Shimon Peres took third place, with 6.7%, while Finance Minister Dan Meridor got 5.9%.

Army Radio host Razi Barkai revealed the list of most-popular dolls on "The Headlines" yesterday, and then phoned Arafat's Israeli Arab advisor, Dr. Ahmed Tibi, to find out what his boss thinks of the show.

Alas, Tibi said, Arafat has never seen Harryafim because his TV doesn't receive Channel 2 broad-

"If someone wants to send him a tape. I'm sore he'd like to watch Tibi said.

"He's a warm, family-like character," Tibi said, which is the exact opposite of the Israeli public's

notession of him in real life. "Abu Mazen [Mahmoud Abbas] asked me wby his doll was wearing a red keffiyeh." Tibi told Barkai, noting that red keffiyehs are Jordanian.

Tihi admitted that Palestinian satire is virtually nonexistent. "We haven't found an actor whose impersonations are as good

as those of Tuvia Tsafir," he said, referring to the voice behind all the male dolls on the program. Tsafir also put in an appearance on the show, admitting that the voice of Labor MK Ehud Barak is

one of the more difficult for him to

Despite all of Tsafir's effort, the Barak doll only rated eighth, with 1%, behind those of Ya'akov Ayalon, 3.1%, Tsomer leader Raphael Eitan, 2.3%, and Gesher leader David Levy, 1.8%, Barak's doll did manage to tie with Shas Rabbi Ovadia Yosef and to soundly top Communication Minister imor Livnat and Science Minister Ze'ev Binyamin Begin. whose dolls attracted 0.4% and 0.2% respectively.

The Galinp survey also asked people to rank their least favorite characters on the show. Interestingly, the top four were the same as on the most-loved list -Netanyahu led with 7.6%, followed by Arafat, 6.5%, Meridor, 3.9%, and Peres, 2.5%. However, Livnat tied with Peres for fourth place. Ayalon, Levy, Barak, Eitan, Yosef and Begin also made the least favorite list. They were joined by Sarah Netanyahn, Shas leader Aryen Deri and Avigor Lieberman, director of the Prime Minister's Office.

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### PM promises Hebron pact will be presented to Knesset for approval

PRIME Minister Binyamin Netanyahu promised coalition MKs yesterday that the Hebron agreement would be submitted to the Knesset to vote oo after it had been endorsed by the government.

Netanyahu was hesitant to say when the agreement would be ready but said the negotiations are reaching a conclusion. He said the new agreement has at least 10 improvements on that reached hy the previous government. He did not list all 10 points but noted that Jews in Hebron would not be in the range of fire of Palestinian forces; that an Israeli presence would be maintained on the hills overlooking the area of Hebron under Jewish control; and that the Jewish quarter "would not be strangled." He also said Jewish residents would not be dependent on the Arab Hebron Municipality for building permits.

The prime minister promised that Israel did not intend to leave or evacuate the Jewish settlement and would even strengthen it. He stressed that the agreement called for a redeployment in Hebroo and not withdrawal from it.

Science Minister Binyamin Ze'ev Begin, however, criticized the agreement saying that despite the improvements, 80 percent of the city was being handed over to Palestinian security control and that if Israel trusted the Palestinians so much they would not have to place so many restrictions on weapons there. Begin said that the limits oo the quantities of arms had already been breached.

The relationship between the prime minister and Begin seemed tense. When Begin thanked the premier for raising the Hehron Netanyahu said sarcastically: wanted to give you a chance to read your speech."

MK Yehuda Harel (Third Way)

said his faction had "confidence in the government" and he called oo the rest of the coalition to also offer the government and prime minister support. Harel said the Third Way would remain in the coalition as long as the government does not violate certain principles: that Israel continue to withdraw from the parts of Judea and Samaria heavily-populated by Arabs; that the redeployment does oot harm Israeli control in Greater Jerusalem, the full length of the Jordan Valley, the south Hehron Hills and large settlement hlocs not populated by Arabs; and that Israeli sovereignty on the Golan Heights would be the basis for any peace agreement with Suria.

### Government handily defeats no-confidence bid

MKS voted with their feet during yesterday's no-confidence motion over the Hebron agreement. The motion was defeated 47-2 with 34 abstentions, as only the two Molectic MKs, who had filed the no-confidence motion, supported it. A large number of MKs chose to absent themselves or not participate in the

Members of the National Religious Party, Democratic Arab Party, Shas, and Tsomet, other than Eliezer Zandberg, left the plenum before the vote. Several cabinet members were also noticeably absent National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon, Agriculture and Eovironment Minister Raphael Eitan, Education Minister Zevulun Hammer, and Transport Minister Yitzhak Levy.

Science Minister Ze'ev Binyamin Begin voted with the government, saying it is his obligation as a member of the cabinet. He differentiated between the no-confidence motion and the vote on the Hebron agreement itself. Eitan said his absence was a message to the

Just before the vote, in an apparent effort to placate coalition partners, Foreign Minister David Levy told the plenum that the Hebron agreement will be presented for Knesset approval after in is signed and endorsed by the

(Gesher) voted with the government and said he would voice his opposition of the agreement

when it came to the vote. Levy said Hebron will be a test for the cootinuation of the peace process and if peaceful coexistence is not preserved, there it will be a threat to the whole process.

Moledet leader Rehavam Ze'evi said the overnment is leading to the creation of a

"Don't you see those of us who voted for you as partners? Who are you afraid of, Mr. Prime Minister? The US president? Are you scared of the Arabs? If so, you can't lead this Knesset. And you should know that war with the Arabs will break out when they see they have a chance to win, and it's not related to Oslo or the Palestinians.

"We hoped and hoped, hut in vain. We quickly discovered that the nationalist government is no more oationalist than its predecessor - and perhaps worse. The Netanyahu government is striding toward creating a alestinian state.

Levy stressed in his reply that Israel and the IDF could deal with the Palestinian response were it oot to redeploy in Hebron, hut would find it very difficult to cope with the interna-

tional backlash. He said that if the agreement in Hebron is not abided by and peace is not kept there, the whole process will collapse. He said Hebron is the test of reciprocity.

Labor Party leader Shimon Peres proposed from the plenum concentrating on the Syrian track. "Don't delay. The price of peace doesn't

go down; the cost goes up," he said. Peres said Labor has no confidence in the government and should not fudge its criticism of the way it reopened the agreement with the Palestinians and handled the negotiations.

"What is there in Hebron? Holy places? The main holy places will stay in our hands under IDF responsibility," he said.

Peres said the present government is so eager to hlame its predecessors for all the problems that were the drought to continue, the cabinet secretary would issue a statement saying it the Peres government's fault.

At a faction meeting before the discussions. the NRP decided not to give the government our confidence over the Hebron agreement as it stands right now, but not to leave the government so we can continue the struggle for Hebron and on the permanent arrangements, Hammer said. The NRP is demanding that Hammer is included in the group of ministers discussing the next stages of the negotiations with the Palestinians.

### Court: State must show why IDF exemptees are blocked from national service **EVELYN GORDON**

THE High Court of Justice yesterday gave the state 45 days to explain why Arabs and Jewish men exempt from army service should not be able to volunteer for national service and get the atten-

dant financial benefits. Justice Yitzhak Zamir issued the show-cause order in response to a petition by the Association for Civil Rights in Israel and three individuals — Vivian Khoury, a Christian Arab; Marwat Marisat, a Beduin woman; and Eyal Daniel, a Jewish man exempt from the army for health reasons.

The petition charged that oot permitting Arabs or Jews who are exempt from regular service to volunteer for national service constitutes illegal discriminatioo, especially in light of the financial implications of that refusal. People who do either army or national service are eotitled to financial benefits, such as mortgage and scholarship aid, and also are often given preference when applying for jobs or popular degree programs.

In addition, the petition said, national service gives participants

Magistrate's Court;

Nazareth Magistrate's Court;

Bracha Samson, and Esther Helman;

To Jerusalem Family Court, Nili Maimon;

Tel Aviv Labor Court Judge Yehoshua Halevy.

New rules for judicial appointments

As of March 3, the names of judicial candidates will be announced at

least 21 days in advance, and anyone will be able to present the com-

mittee with detailed reasons for his opposition to any of the candidates.

The committee also announced the names of 12 judicial appoint-

ments: To Tel Aviv District Court - Nissim Yeshaya, Hadassah Ahitov.

and Hila Gerstler, all of whom are currently serving on the Tel Aviv

To Nazareth District Court - Aharoo Aminof, currently serving on the

To the Northern District Magistrate's Court - A'ada Sa'ad, who now

serves on a labor court, the only female Arab judge in the country:

The committee also decided to make permanent the appointment of

To Tel Aviv Family Court - Yehuda Granit and Tzila Tzfat; and

To Jerusalem Labor Court - Dita Prozhinin and Ari Tivon.

a feeling of satisfaction and of belonging to society.

About 18 months ago, the peti-tion said, the Fund for Absorbing Demobilized Soldiers decided to accept Arabs and Jews exempt from regular army duty into national service programs at the recommendation of the Defense Ministry. A few months later, the National Insurance Institute which is responsible for approving national service programs - decid-

ed to overturn this policy.

The petition charged that the entire concept of linking financial rights to army service is discriminatory, as loog as Arabs are not permitted to serve, because it means that only Jews get such benefits. However, it said, the discriminatory character of this policy seems even more blatant when Arabs are oot even allowed to volunteer for national service.

The government's rationale for the financial benefits has always been that those who do army or national service deserve compensation for the lost years of their lives. Arabs are not accepted into the army for security reasons.



Labor MK Ehud Barak (left) speaks to reporters alongside MK Uzi Baram, who announced yesterday he would not run for Labor Party leader but instead would support Barak's candidacy.

(Brian Hendler)

### Baram decides not to run, backs Barak

THE Committee for Judicial Appointments yesterday announced new rules for judicial appointments.

LABOR MK Uzi Baram announced yesterday that he will not be competing for the party leadership and that he will back

> The two appeared together at a press conference and hotly denied that they had struck a deal promising Baram the No. 2 position in the party and the portfolio of his ehoice should Barak form a future government. Nevertheless. Baram coined the term 'the Barak-Baram camp" and was careful throughout to use it.

Labor leader Shimon Peres, who is being challenged by Barak, was reported to have called Baram's move "opportunism."

Yossi Beilin, who has also thrown his hat in the Labor leadership ring, welcomed Baram's decision, saying that since Barak is a hawk and Baram a renowned dove, "many of Baram's supporters have already called me and told me that they cannot bring themselves to support a man like Barak and that they are switching their allegiance to me."

Baram had a lot of fancy explaining to do about his decision, since he had recently lashed out at Barak, calling him "a man full of suspicioo and distrust. He is a paranoid. He practices power

politics and suffers from delusions of power and grandeur. His positions are worse than those of

the right-wing." Baram did not fully retract these statements, and only said that "we have very different political outlooks, and Barak and I are very different personalities. He is new to politics and I don't really know him very well. We will continue deliberations and I hope there will be cooperation between us. I will be very happy if in future I can report that I have changed my

"We are very different people,"

### **Jordanian Press Association joins** calls against Israeli fair

AMMAN (AP) - The Jordanian Press Association vesterday joined the chorus calling for boycotting an Israeli trade fair due to start here on January 6.

Because of Israeli disregard for Arab rights [and] escalation of eriminal practices against the Palestinian people ... the associa-tion requests all journalists to beycott the exhibition and refrain from publishing any reports on it or visiting it," a press association memorandum said.

It did not spell out what measures would be taken against those who attend the three-day event, at which high-tech Israeli products, garments, jewelry, and furniture will be displayed.

#### HELP

(Continued from Page 1) Jordan's King Hussein said that he too would ban Netanyahu until after the Hebron deal is complete. There is speculation that once a Hebroo pullback occurs, Netanyahu will meet Hussein to revive their frayed ties.

It remains unclear if Netanyahu or senior officials will be invited to the Persian Gulf and North Africa after a Hebron deal. Oman, Qatar, and Tunisia have announced they have frozen ties with Israel as a result of the dead lock on Hebron.

Officials in the Prime Minister's Office originally hoped to capitalize on a Hebron deal by having Netanyahu visit the US in January, in an apparent bid to refashioo his American media image as a peacemaker. However, the US has privately informed Netanyahu - who has already visited the US three times in six months - that January would be a poor month to visit.

### Egypt extends detention of Azzam

CAIRO (Reuter) - Alleged Israeli spy Azzam Azzam made his first public appearance in an Egyptian court yesterday and was remanded in custody for another 45 days,

Ali Wahhi, the judge presiding over the remand hearing, ordered Azzam, 35, out of a courtroom cage to defend himself in an emotional session attended by Israeli embassy officials and relatives, they

Wahbi ordered Azzam, chief mechanie at an Israeli-owned textile factory in Egypt, to be held for a second 45-day period. Security authorities arrested Azzam in Cairo last mooth along with Egyptian national Emadeddin Abdel Hamid, Azzam has not been formally charged and no date has been set for his trial.

Arriving in the court, he hugged his two brothers and wept. One of the brothers is working in Egypt, security sources said. "Treatment is good at the prison and the consul is visiting me frequently." Azzam told reporters in a brief statement, before he asked them to talk only to his lawyer. The

Israeli consul, Shuki Gabai, attended the

The prosecutor said in his statement to the court: "This defendant wanted to harm the country which is seeking peace... but they (the Israelis) repaid this with ingratitude." The prosecutor said Azzam had facilitated

a sexual affair between Abdel Hamid and one of two Israeli-Arab women involved in the case hot at large - Mona Ahmed Shawahna and Zahra Youssef Greiss. Azzam himself is of Arab origin.

"He (Abdel Hamid) did not respond to Azzam's pressures for the sake of any principle, hut in return for lusts, sex and money," he added.

Azzam denied the espionage allegations. He said the last time he met Abdel Hamid was in Israel in February.

Israel has insisted Azzam is innocent and demands his release. A court earlier this month extended Abdel Hamid's detention for 45 days. The prosecution was expected to issue the

charge sheet a few weeks ago, amid reports that it was waiting for a political decision in the case. Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak has

said Israeli leaders squandered the chance to secure Azzam's release through quiet diplomacy hy making the affair public.

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chance of winning. If Barak forms

a government, Baram said he

would like the Foreign Affairs

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a-half years before the election, it

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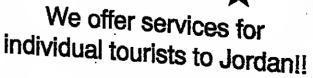
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### NEWS IN BRIEF

118 hurt in road accidents A total of 118 drivers, passengers and pedestrians were injured in 81 accidents across the country yesterday. Three people were hurt, one seriously, yesterday afternooo when three cars collided oear Nebi Samwil on the Jerusalem-Givat Ze'ev road.

A pedestrian was seriously injured after he was hit by a bus near the Afula bus station. Mustafa Abu Nimar, 24, of Tamra, near Acre, was killed Sunday night when his car hit a guard rail in his village after he lost control of the vehicle.

Knesset clerk retires

Knesset Clerk Shmuel Jacobson resigned from his post yesterday after 46 years service in the House. Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon praised Jacobson for his work and extensive knowledge of the Knesset House Rules.

His replacement Arie Hahn will assume the post tomorrow Jacobsoo will continue to be a Liat Collins special Knesset adviser.

Immigrant doctors to keep jobs Immigration and Absorption Committee chairwoman Nacroi Blumenthal (Likud) said the threat to fire 650 immigrant doctors had beeo lifted. She noted that Yisrael Ba'aliya MKs had told the Finance Committee that they would

make their support of the Health Ministry's budget conditional on the Finance Ministry's abiding by a promise to continue the funding of the doctors. Lack of Reka news decried

Absorption Minister Yuli Edelstein yesterday sent a strong letter of complaint to Israel Broadcasting Authority Director-General Mordechai Kirschenbaum, saying that the lack of news broadcasts on Reka, the radio station which broadcasts in Russian and Amharic, among other languages, had left hundreds of thousands of immigrants in the dark about the strike and what

services were closed. Israel Radio continued its

news broadcasts on other stations. Liat Collins

Chai Vekayam leader fined Chai Vekayam leader Yehuda Etzion was sentenced to a NIS 1,000 fine and a suspended sentence for his attempts to pray on the Temple

Mount. Etzion said that he would refuse to pay the fine and instead would serve a 20-day prison term, Erzion said the state should compensate him for not being able to pray on the Temple Mount, and not the opposite. He vowed to try to pray there again, after other court cases revolving around his previous attempts to do so are cleared up.





Histadrut chairman Amir Peretz addresses the thousands of women who demonstrated against the cancellation of the half-point tax credit for married women in the Wohl Rose Garden opposite the Knesset yesterday afternoon.

### 'There are no velvet struggles'

### Histadrut reasserts its role

THE mood in the situation room at Histadrut headquarters in Jerusalem yesterday could be summed up in four words: revival of the

Indeed, the door to the room where information from various strike centers was coming in was graced with a political cartoon showing a white-shrouded Histadrot chairman Amir Peretz leaping out of a coffin. In the process, he knocked over a petrified looking Binyamin Netanyahu. Revival of the dead.

'The Histadrut is not weak," said Shai Shani, director of its trade union department (and no relation to department chief Shlomo Shani, whose arrest Sunday sparked yesterday's inten-tified strikes.) He denied that proving the distadrut's mettle, flexing its muscles, was one of the reasons for the strike that kept an estinated 250,000 people out of work, caused milions of shekels of damage to the economy, and ed to untold inconvenience for millions of

But we will not mind if this [show of trength] is one of the strike's by-products," hani admitted. "We will not mind if the govrnment knows we need to be taken serious-

Shani, and Michel Elmaliah, in charge of ie situation room, framed the strike in highly deological terms. They spoke, confidently nd aggressively, of defending the rights of he workers and looking out for the plight of he common man. They sounded as Histadrut leaders sounded a few decades ago, during the gigantic union federation's beyday; and not as heads of an organization tottering on the brink of a massive privatization plan that will sig-

nificantly lessen its power.

The strike, the two insisted, was not a power

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play or about politics. "This strike is not against the government," Elmaliah said. "The head of the Egged union is a Likud supporter, as is the head of the union at Ashdod port. This is totally a professional strike." He said claims that the strike is intended to

weaken the Netanyahu government are "ngly."
Remember, said Shani, the Histadrut also fought with the Treasury under the previous Labor government, although not to the extent that it called for a general strike. Nevertheless, he said, this strike is about workers' rights,

pure and simple. But this point has not been adequately brought across to the public, Shani admitted, answering questions with his eyes closed, a sign of fatigue from the two days of tension and struggle.

But what the country is seeing are a plethora closed yesterday and replied: "Bezeq is not of signs on bank and office doors announcing they are closed. Signs, like one posted on the door of a Bank Hapoalim branch in Jerusalem's Zion Square that read: "In conjunction with with the decision of the Histadrut, all the bank's branches will he

The signs cause frustration. "This is crazy, I'm sick of it," said one woman who tried in vain to enter the bank. "I don't even know wby they are striking."

This woman is definitely not alone. An unscientific Army Radio poll found that by midmorning some 600 callers had phoned in to express support for the strike, while 1,700 said they were against it.

"I'm not surprised," said Shani. "because the public at large does not understand the signifi-

### Knesset nixes tax credit cut for women THE government's proposal to **EVELYN GORDON** tion of the tax credit if the addi-

eliminate the half tax-credit enjoyed by married women was defeated late last night, but the rest of the Economic Arrangements Law accompanying the budget passed its second reading.

The law's final reading will be

The elimination of the tax credit was defeated in a roll-call vote 55-50, after all five Gesher MKs including Foreign Minister David Levy and Deputy Finance Minister David Magen - voted with the opposition. Marina Solodkin (Yisrael Ba'aliya), Emanuel Zissman (Third Way) and Shaul Yahalom (National Religious Party) also voted with the opposition, but Naomi Blumenthal (Likud), who had been threatening to do so, in the end voted with the coalition.

Normally, a minister cannot go against the coalition in a major vote such as the budget and still remain in the cabinet. Levy may escape because elimination of the half tax-credit was not officially a government proposal. Since the Treasury came up with the idea too late to include it in the actual bill, it was introduced as a private amendment by coalition chairman Micbael Eitan (Likud). Voting against a private amendment to a government bill, even if the government happens to support the

force a minister to resign. The tax-credit proposal was introduced by the government late last week as partial compensation for elements of the economic arrangements bill that had been killed by the Knesset Finance Committee. It had been expected to save some

NIS 270 million next year. The government is now left with a big hole in its NIS 7.2 billion deficit-reduction package. Most of the rest of the package is now only one step away from being law, however, since most of the budget cuts were contained in the Economic Arrangement Bill approved in second reading last night.

The vote could also have impli-cations for the Histadrut strike. The strike was officially aimed at two proposals - taxation of ports, railways and airports and elimina-tion of the half tax-credit. The ports tax is now closer to becoming law, as it was part of the Arrangements Bill. The latter, having been defeated, can no

longer be a present for a strike.

Michael Kleiner (Gesher) said his faction objected to the proposal because it would hurt lowincome women. In addition, he said, the faction is annoyed that the government seems to have no money for social issues, but plenty for its coalition partners, and did not want in support cancellational revenue would go mainly to fund what he called coalition giveaways.

Solodkin said she voted against the proposal because women at the same level in a job usually earn less than men, so the extra tax credit is justified to equalize this discrimination. During yesterday's debate, for-

mer finance minister Avraham Shohat (Labor) attacked Netanyahu, seizing the opportunity to get revenge for Netanyahu's attack on his management of the economy last week. "We have a prime minister who

is a liar," he said. "He piles lie on top of lie."

In other news, the Finance Committee approved another lastminute revenue-raiser proposed by the government: a proposal to make employers pay employees' sick leave for the first nine days out of work. Currently, employers pay only for the first day, after which the National Insurance Institute picks up the tab. This proposal is expected to bring in some NIS 80m. next year.

The proposal passed by a vote of 8-5, with Pini Badash (Tsomet) joining the opposition. Badash said he thought the proposal was too all-encompassing, affecting everyone from huge corporations to the ordinary working couple

### Peretz flexes his mustache

TWO theories have been floating around the Labor Party in the last few days to explain the Histadrut's extraordinary militancy. The first ascribes it to Chairman Amir Peretz's inexperience, mentality and background. The second attributes to him personal political motives, as well as broader anti-government objectives.

Peretz did something on Sunday which no labor leader of his rank in the country had ever done. When the police carried out a court order to bring in the Histadrut trade union department chief Shlomo Shani, who for days willfully disobeyed a court ruling. Peretz threw the economy into chaos with wildcar strike, blocked roads, railways, airports and sea ports - all acts which could be construed as insurrection and an attempt to terrorize the courts lest they ever again try to rule against a trade union official. Even in Labor it is admitted this could be a dangerous precedent if seized by the extreme

right or the extreme haredim. None of Peretz's predecessors had ever done anything close to what Peretz did, certainly not since the strike-prone days of the 1960s, when Labor's own governments instituted the system of labor courts to prevent the anarchy of wilcat strikes. Peretz has taken the country 30 years back.

One theory in Labor is the Peretz is inexperienced, if not altogether the wrong man in the wrong job. He had become Histadrut chairman SARAH HONIG

Histadrut bead Amir Peretz after Haim Ramon returned to the

government a year ago.
Peretz, it is privately admitted in Labor, had embarked on a dangerous path and he could potentially embarrass his own party. This would not have happened with Ramon, it is whispered, because he is a consumate give-and-take man. In addition, his natural impetuousity may have been aided and

abened by political motivations. The Histadrut is gravely ill and this may be an attempt to revive and revitalize it. Moreover, with Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu under such an all-out opposition attack, Peretz could have presumed that a hardline approach would increase the value of his stock in

Labor. He may have wanted to make himself felt. He may have thought the party would approve and treat him like its hero, or that it may have no choice but to back him. He may also, according to some hints from Labor insiders, have received the green light from on high in Labor as another facet of the campaign to delegitimize Netanyahu, Peretz himself claims not to

know what all the fuss is about. If his words are taken at face value, then he can't see anything wrong with what he had done. He cannot understand why he is accused of putting the Histadrut above the law. charging that "no one has the right to detain a trade union leader or infringe on the right to strike." Far from any continuon. Penetz com plained about the general public's 'annovance and impatience with the inconvenience caused by the strikes. I understand that people are suffering, but they must realize that we are doing this for them. It's for their own good. There are no deluxe strikes which cause no pain. It's got to hurt. I am just sad to see the disappearance of solidarity and tolerance from our society."

Peretz also wondered at "how Netanyahu and Meridor depicted our actions. Their portrayal is very unfair. We are protesting against the government's economic policy but this is not a political strike. The Histadrut does nor involve itself in politics.

### Thousands defy strike

TINY cracks in the Histadrut's unity surfaced yesterday, as a few thousand union members defied the call to strike and showed up for work at a number of locations around the country. No incidents of violence between strikers and strike-breakers were reported.

Rafi Gidron, a member of the Kiryat Motzkin Municipality workers' committee, said the committee decided to call on its 500 members to show up for work because it was not clear if they would be paid for days missed, and by whom.

"I called the Histadrut, and asked them who will pay our workers," Gidron said. "I talked to three people and could not get a straight answer. Part of the time they said the Histadrut will pay, and part of the time they said the city will pay."

Workers at the Hod Hasharon Municipality also reportedly worked yesterday. Gidron said he fears the larger

workers' committees, in places like Bezeq and the Israel Electric Corporation will get paid by the Histadrut, while workers represented by smaller, less powerful committees, will not be so lucky. Even though Gidron said the

reasons for the strike are not clear to anyone." he said his comnittee would have joined the trike if it could have been issured that the workers' salaries vould not suffer.

Michel Elmaliah, in charge of he Histadrut's situation room. aid the union "will deal" with the megade workers' committees. He ould not elaborate.

Meanwhile, the Civil Service ommission reported that a "high imber" of people did not honor c strike in the government secr. The commission's spokesoman said that almost all the orkers showed up at the easury, the Income Tax mmission, Customs, the Civil rvice Commission, the Chief bbinate's Office, rabbinical irts, and the Internal Security

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Ministry. The spokeswoman said 80 percent of the employees showed up for work at the Education and Justice ministries. On the other end of the spectrum, the strike was almost totally bonored in the Energy, Absorption, and Housing and Construction ministries. Only 25% of employees showed up for work at the Prime Minister's Office.

Itim reported that there were only a small number of strikers in the settlements, and that this was because many people there viewed the work stoppage as a "political

Most of Ma'aleh Adumim's municipal workers went to work, said Aliza Aronson, head of the

committee, because a few months ago the workers switched from the Histadrot to the Likud-affiliated

Histadrut Leumit.

Aronson said she does not believe yesterday's strike was justified, and that "the Histadrut is destroying the country." She said that it was possible for the Histadrut to come to a compromise with the government without shutting down much of the country.

Meanwhile, Yitzhak Rossean. head of the Histadrut Leumit, said his organization does not support the strike, because it is not over employee-employer relations. "You don't call a strike because you have complaints about the government," he said. "For that you protest, or work through the

(Continued from Page 1) were postponed, with only emergency operations performed. Clinics were shut, and Magen David Adom and firefighters were also on a Shabbat schedule.

cance of trade unions, a trade union that repre-

Grasping at the silver lining in the Army Radio poll, Shani changed gears: "But for a

union that represents 15 percent of the country,

and which has had problems explaining the purpose of the strike, almost 30 percent support

Explaining the strike, its reasons, and bour-

by-hour developments was the job of the 10

people in the spacious situation room, which

was not filled - as could have been expected -

with either smoke or palpable tension. Throughout the day this group answered

phones, crunched numbers, and munched on

asked, responding to a question in a tone of dis-

belief. He turned to a wall-high chart listing all

the organizations and companies that were

part of the country? Egged is not part of the

country? The Israel Electric Corporation is not

part of the country? The banks are not part of the country? What do you mean the country does not support us?"

To those annoyed that their lives were incon-

venienced, Elmaliah said: "What are we sup-

posed to do when the government takes hun-

dreds of shekels away from the worker each

"When you embark on a struggle, there are victims on the way," he said. "We have tried to

minimize the inconvenience, and - for example

- did not close all the bospitals, did not close

down operations necessary for the security of

the state. But people are supposed to feel the

strike. There are no velvet struggles. We want

month, sit back with arms folded?

Netanyahu to feel the strike."

"The country is not behind us?" Elmaliah

is not bad."

take-out pizza.

sents 650,000 people and fights their battles."

Public transportation was largely unaffected, with the Egged and Dan bus services proceeding largely as scheduled. All Dan lines in Tel Aviv were operating, with 600 striking employee drivers replaced by administrative workers.

At Ben-Gurion Airport, work went on as scheduled, with workers promising to make an extra effort to make up for delays caused by Sunday's strike. However, Civil Aviation Authority workers were on strike and did not approve special flights. Licensing Bureau offices were also affected by the strike. The Postal Authority was largely unaffected, as outside contractors were

Malls and places of entertainment

### STRIKE

were crowded, as striking workers or parents forced to stay home with children affected by the closure of WIZO and Na'amat day care centers enjoyed a day off, however forced it might have been

Most local authorities and councils were closed, except for emergency

At government offices there was confusion, with some workers turning up for work, then stopping when union members intervened.

Bezeq was on strike, except for 500 employees working after receiving restraining orders. The banking community was also shin down, including the Bank of Israel, again except for 56 workers also under restraining orders. The Bank of Israel announced that yesterday

would not be considered a business day in the banking community. This means that representative rates set Sunday were good for yesterday as

The Tel Aviv Stock Exchange was also affected, and both Channel I and Educational TV were off the air until 6 p.m. Tax and customs offices were

open as usual, but did not receive the public, and the Electric Corporation was unaffected. Most schools were in session,

although university administrative workers struck, but classes were maffected. The Ashdod, Haifa, and Eilat ports

were shut down for the fifth straight day, and Israel Railways also came to a standstill. Hundreds of trucks

were also idled by the strike at the ports, and the manager of the Hanamal Hahadash trucking cooperative. Gabi Ben-Harosh, said his company had lost millions of shekels, as had other trucking firms. Israel Aircraft Industries and other security-related industries were shut

The Jewish Agency, Mekorot, Amidar and Amigur, the Mivtahim and Makefet pension funds, and the Amisragas and Supergas companies were also affected by the strike.

The High Court is to hear a petition by the Association of Chambers of Commerce at 5 p.m. today asking for a restraining order against the strike, charging that it is essentially political, rather than a labor dispute, and therefore does not ment the protection labor law usually gives strik-

by the strike.

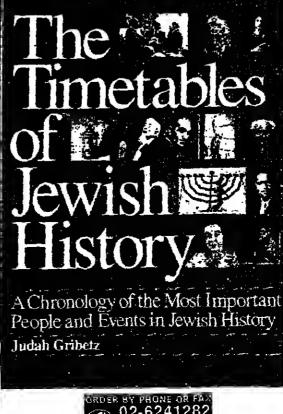


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## Clinton, Yeltsin voted year's top stories

THE fortunes of two powerful leaders - US President Bill Clinton and Russian President Boris Yeltsin - were voted the top news stories of 1996 in an international poll of Associated Press subscribers.

The re-election of Clinton finished No. 1 and the political and physical comeback of Yeltsin was the runner-up story in an annual AP survey of news media outside the United States.

Clinton's re-election collected 491 points, and Yeltsin's re-election as president and recovery from quintuple-hypass heart surgery was a close second with 487 points.

A tumultuous year that sorely tested the Israeli-Palestinian rela-elections, suicide

bombings and riots - finished third with 469 points.

Ballots were submitted by 139 news media subscribers in 40 countries on six continents, with editors listing their top 10 story choices. Ten points were awarded for each first place vote, nine for second and so on, down to one point per 10th place vote.

The tragedy of hundreds of thousands of refugees fleeing warfare in Rwanda, Burundi and Zaire finished no. 4, with 364 points. Refugees living in squalor, bodies along roadsides and orphaned

searing images of the calamity. Placing fifth, with 296 points, was the worst year on record for aviation disasters, including the still

children crying for parents were

unsolved explosion of a TWA flight outside New York City that killed 230, and the worst in-flight collision in history - over India between a Saudi Boeing 747 and a smaller Kazakh plane that left 349 dead.

Other crashes included a cargo plane in Zaire killing more that 200; an airliner killing 141; the ValuJet DC-9 in the Florida Everglades that left 109 dead; a Brazilian TAM flight in Sao Paulo killing 101; and a Peruvian Jetliner killing 123.

In sixth place, with 285 points, was the havoc Europe's heef industry caused by bovine spongiform encephalopathy, or "mad cow disease," and its possible link, announced by Britain, to a fatal brain ailment in humans called

Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease. France's decision to end nuclear

testing, and the subsequent signing by 65 countries of the Nuclear Test Ban Treaty was seventh in the poll, with 199 points. Last year, France's decision to resume nuclear testing after a selfimposed moratorium placed third

in the AP global poll. Other top stories in 1996: 8: The situation in Bosnia, including the country's first democratic elections, extension of NATO troops in the country and war crimes tribunal in The Hague.

9: The unsolved terrorist bombing at the Atlanta Olympics that killed one person. 147 points. 10. Belgium's sex and politics

scandal, involving a child-sex ring that kidnapped and sexually tormred young girls, killing at least four. 140 points.

In a reflection of regional interests, European hallots tended to emphasize story choices on Bosnia, Yeltsin, cow disease and the Belgian child-sex stories.

"The mad cow scare and the Belgian pedophile case stand out as long-running stories that deeply affect the attitude and living of ordinary people," the Italian news agency AGI said in comments accompanying its ballot.

Asian editors frequently listed the treason conviction of South Korea's ex-presidents, heightened tensions between China and Taiwan, and the resignation of

Narashima Rao.

Latin American editors cited the struggle against drug trafficking. aviation disasters, and Pope John Paul II's meeting with Fidel Castro, in addition to the Clinton, Yeltsin and Israeli-Palestinian stories. The second 10 stories, with point

11: Civil war in Chechnya ends

(132 points); 12: Iraq's campaign against the Kurds in northern Iraq and the subsequent US cruise missile attack (130);

13: US space authorities announce possible evideoce of microbial life on Mars (119

14: Royal divorces in Britain of

lodian Prime Minister P.V. Prince Charles and Diana, and

Ferguson (107): 15: Taliban movement seizes most of Afghanistan (104); 16: Continuing tensions between

North and South Korea, including the incursion into the South by a submarine. (90); 17: Gunman kills 16 schoolchild-

ren and a teacher in Dunblane. Scotland (76):

18: Pakistan's Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto dismissed (74); 19: Former South Korean president Chun Doo-hwan and Roh Tae-woo sentenced for treason

20: Truck bornh that killed 19 US serviceman in Dharan. Sandi

## Gentle or raging, gone into the good night: The deaths of 1996

FROM European statesmen to show business stars and Nobel prize winning poets, death

claimed many notable figures in 1996: François Mitterrand, a leading architect of European unity who promoted France's role on the world stage, died at his presidential office near the Eiffel Tower after a long struggle with prostate cancer.

Andreas Papandreou, a Harvard-trained economist who became Greece's first Socialist prime minister and dominated Greek politics.



Francois Mitterrand

succumbed to a heart ailment. Spiro T. Agnew, US President Richard Nixon's vice president who became a political-oforce by employing a colorful phraseology in criticizing anti-war protesters, liberals and the media, also died. He was the only US vice president to resign in disgrace when he pleaded no contest to a single count of income-tax evasion.

In the entertainment field, comedian George Burns, dancer Gene Kelly, jazz singer Ella Fitzgerald, actresses Greer Garson and Claudette Colbert and French film director

Marcel Carne passed away. Literary figures who died included French author Marguerite Duras, Nobel Prize-winning poet Joseph Brodsky, a Russian exile who became poet laureate of the United States, and Nobel-prize winning Greek poet Odysseus Elytis.

Rohin Milne, immortalized as the young friend of Winnie the Pooh in the children's stories of his father, A.A. Milne, also passed away.

January 1: Rocket scientist Arthur Rudolph, who helped the United States win the race to the moon, dies in Hamburg, Germany. He was 89. January 4: Ramon Vinay, a Chilean tenor who gained international fame for his interpretation of Verdi's opera Otello, dies in Puehla, Mexico. He was 84.

January 5: Lincoln Kirstein, who brought choreographer George Balanchine to the United States and created the New York City Ballet with the Russian master, dies in New York City. She

January 8: Francois Mitterrand, a leading architect of European unity who promoted France's role on the world stage, dies at his presidential office on the Champs de Mars of prostate cancer. He was 79.

January 13: Denise Grey, a theater and cinema star whose career spanned nine decades, dies in Paris at 99. She was a leading can-can dancer at the famous Parisian cabaret the Folies Bergeres. January 15: Abdel Wahah Mohammed, an Egyptian poet who wrote love songs for many of the Arab world's most famous singers, dies of heart failure in Cairo, Egypt. He was 65; King Moshoeshoe II, a resilient leader of Lesotho who twice regained his throne after being deposed. dies near Maseru, Lesotho, in a car accident. He was 57.

January 20: Harold Wolpe, an anti-apartheid lawyer who was the target of one of white-led South Africa's higgest manhunts, dies after



Gene Kelly

undergoing open heart surgery in Cape Town, South Africa. He was 70.

January 20: Barilone saxophonisi Gerry Mulligan, a versatile jazz musician, dies in Darien, Connecticut, from complications from a knee infection. He was 68.

January 23: Actress Fatma Rushdy, considered by many to be "the Sarah Bernhardt of the East," died of a heart attack in Cairo, Egypt. She was 88; Norman MacCaig, one of Scotland's most esteemed poets of the 20th century, dies in

Edinburgh, Scotland, at 85.

January 27: William Edward Hanford, an inventor of polyurethane and a pioneer in the development of synthetic foams and fibers, dies in Bethesda, Maryland. He was 87.

January 28: Nobel Prize-winning poet Joseph Brodsky, a Russian exile who became poet laureate of the United States, dies in New York City

January 31: Terence Reese, one of the finest players in the history of bridge who wrote or co-authored 83 books on the card game, dies in

Hove, England, at 82. Fehruary 2: Gene Kelly, dancer and choreographer who brought his athletic grace and Irish charm to Singin' in the Rain, On the Town and other great movie musicals of the 1940s and '50s, dies in Beverly Hills, California. He was

February 26: Dr. Haing S. Ngor, a survivor of Khmer Rouge death camps who won an Oscar for his portrayal of a fellow Cambodian in The Killing Fields, was shot to death outside his bome in Los Angeles. He was 45; Ludwig Freiherr von Hammerstein-Equord, who took part in the failed 1944 plot by German army officers to overthrow Adolf Hitler, dies in Berlin

March 1: Baroness Marie-Helene de Rothschild, a glamorous international socialite, dies at 65 in Paris. She suffered from an incurable arthritic disease.

March 3: Cardinal John Krol, a leading Roman Catholic conservative who spoke out for nuclear disarmament and helped revamp Vatican finances, dies in Philadelphia at 85; Marguerite Duras, one of France's most famed and prolific writers best known to recent years for her oovel The Lover and the film based on it, dies in Paris. She was 81.

March 9: George Burns, cigar smoking wisecracker, dies at 100.

March 10: Moviemaker Ross Hunter, whose films included the disaster saga Airport, dies in Los Angeles. His age has been variously reported in film publications as between 69 and 79.

March 11: Vince Edwards, who starred as a young doctor in the 1960s US TV series Ben Casey, dies of cancer in Los Angeles. He was



George Burns

March 13: Polish director Krzysztof Kieslowski, an Academy Award nominee best known for his film trilogy Blue, White and Red, dies of a heart attack in Warsaw, Poland. He was

March 17: French filmmaker Rene Clement best-known for his action-packed account of the liberation of Paris in Is Paris Burning?, dies in Monaco at 82.

March 18: Odysseus Elytis, a Nobel Prizewinning Greek poet, dies in Athens, Greece, at

March 20: Clande Bourdet, a Resistance hero who survived a Nazi death camp to become an outspoken leftist journalist criticizing racism and French colonial policies, dies in Paris at 86. March 26: David Packard, a patriarch of American husiness and co-founder of Silicon Valley electronics pioneer Hewlett-Packard Co., dies of pnenmonia in Stanford, California, at 83; Edmund Muskie, the former US Secretary of State, dies of heart failure in Washington at 81.

April 6: Greer Garson, the gallant leading lady whose portrayal of a courageous British housewife in Mrs. Miniver rallied Americans to support Britain during World War II, dies in Dallas, Texas, of heart failure. She was 92. April 8: Ben Johnson, a champion rodeo per-

former who appeared in numerous Westerns and won a best supporting actor Oscar for The Last Picture Show, dies of an apparent heart attack near Phoenix, Arizona. He was 77.

April 9: Best-selling author Richard Condoo. whose novel of braiowashing and murder, The Manchurian Candidate, had earle similarities to 1930s films as Midnight, Cleopatra and the the assassination of President Kennedy, dies in Dallas, Texas, at 8t.

April 13: James "Jimmy the Gent" Bnrke, a monster depicted in the movie Goodfellas and the suspected mastermind of the 1978 robbery at the Lufthansa cargo terminal at John F. Kennedy Airport that netted a record \$5.8 million in cash. dies of cancer in Buffalo, New York. He was 64. April 18: Boleslavs Maikovskis, a Latvian who fled the United States when threatened with deportation to the Soviet Union for Nazi war

crimes. dies in Muenster, Germany, at 92. April 20: Christopher Robin Milne, immortalized as the young friend of Winnie the Pooh in the children's stories of his father, A.A. Milne, dies at 75.

April 23: P.L. Travers, the author who created the magical, irrepressible English nanny

Mary Poppins, dies in Londoo at 96.

April 25: Mary Electa Bidwell, the oldest-living American, dies in Hamden, Connecticut, at



Ella Fitzgerald

April 26: American screeowriter Stirling Silliphant, who woo an Oscar for the 1967 movie In the Heat of the Night and its depiction of racism in the American South, dies of cancer in Bangkok, Thailand. He was 78.

May 2: Emile Habihi, a founder of Israel's communist party and longtime Knesset whose chronicle of the predicaments of Israel's Arah citizens earned him Israel's top literary award, dies of pancreatic cancer in Nazareth. He was

May 5: Ai Qing, one of modern China's most famous poets, dies in Beijing at 86.
May 8: Luis Mignel Dominguin, a hullfighter

whose intense rivalry with his brother-in-law was chronicled by Ernest Hemingway, dies near San Roque, Spain, of a stroke. He was 69. May 17: American rhythm and hlues musician Johnny "Guitar" Watson dies of a heart attack

while performing at a hlues club outside Tokyo. He was 61. May 18: Djordje Djukic, the Bosnian Serb general charged with war crimes but freed by an international tribunal because of his failing

health, dies in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, of pancreatic cancer at 62. May 25: Barney Wilen, the French piooeer of 1960s "free jazz" and a sizzling saxophonist,

dies in Paris at 59. May 30: Cardinal Leon-Etienne Duval, a Roman Catholic archhishop who championed Algeria's right to independence, dies in Algiers,

Algeria, at 92. May 31: Timothy Leary, the Harvard professor turned guru of LSD who encouraged the 60s generation to "turn on, time in, drop out," dies of cancer in Beverly Hills, California. He

June 10: Jo Van Fleet, the Academy Awardwinning actress who made a career playing mothers on stage and in such films as East of Eden and Cool Hand Luke, dies in New York.

She was believed to be 81. June 15: Ella Fitzgerald, the world's "first lady of song," dies in Beverly Hills, California, at 78. She was bedridden with complications of diabetes.

June 23: Andreas Papandreou, a Harvardtrained economist who became Greece's first Socialist prime minister and dominated Greek politics in the 1980s, dies in Ekali, Greece, from heart failure. He was 77.

June 27: Hollywood producer Albert R. "Cuhhy" Broccoli, who produced 17 James Bond movies, dies in Beverly Hills, California, at 87. He had undergone heart hypass surgery a

year ago. July 1: Margaux Hemingway, Ernest Hemingway's granddaughter and model was found dead in Santa Monica, California. She was

July 17: Former militia chief Paul Tonvier. the only Frenchman convicted of World War II crimes against humanity, dies at Fresnes prison in France. He was 81. July 22: Peter Ludwig, a German who was

one of the world's foremost art collectors, dies

of a raptured colon in Aachen, Germany, at 71. July 23: Jessica Mitford, whose book The American Way of Death was hailed as a hlistering indictment of the funeral industry, dies of lung cancer in Oakland, California. She was 78. July 30: Claudette Colbert, whose trademark bangs and radiant smile graced such beloved classic It Happened One Night, dies in Barbados. She was 92.

August 7: Ossie Clark, one of the hig names of 1960s fashion design, is found stahbed to death in his London apartment. He was 54. August 8: Sir Nevill Mott, who shared the Nobel Prize for physics in 1977 for his pioneer-

ing work on semiconductors, dies in Apsley Guise, England. He was 90; Sir Frank Whittle, the British engineer who first patented the idea of a jet engine but lost the race to put it in the air 10 a competitor in Nazi Germany, dies in Columbia, Maryland, of lung cancer. He was 89. Angust 17: E. Digby Baltzell, a University of Pennsylvania sociologist who coined the term
"WASP" (white Anglo-Saxon Protestant), dies in Boston of a heart attack. He was 80; Saleh Morsi, a popular Egyptian writer who based his novels and screenplays on cases of Egyptian espionage against Israel, dies in Alexandria,

Egypt. He was 67. August 18: Tsutakiyokomatsu Asaji, Japan's oldest geisha, who practiced the revered and often misunderstood artistic tradition for 90 years, dies in Tokyo of kidney failure. She was 102.

August 27: Songwriter and composer Yair Rosenbloom, whose Song of Peace was sung by prime minister Yitzhak Rabin moments before his assassination, dies of cancer in Holon. He

September 9: Bill Monroe, who combined fast-picking mandolin, banjo and guitar with a "high lonesome" singing style to create the dis-tinctly American sound known as bluegrass, dies in Springfield, Tennessee. He was 84. September 10: Joanne Dru, whose appear-

ances in 40 movies included starring roles opposite John Wayne in the classic Westerns Red River and She Wore a Yellow Ribbon, dies in Beverly Hills, California, of respiratory ailment September 11: Hans List, Anstria's leading

motor pioneer and an internationally recognized authority on diesel engines, dies of heart failure in Graz, Austria, at 100. September 13: Tupac Shakur, the rapper

whose raw lyrics drew on the rage of a coarse urban existence and seemed a blueprint of his own violent life, dies in Las Vegas from wounds suffered in a drive-hy shooting. He was 25. September 14: Juliet Prowse, who parlayed

skillful dancing, sultry good looks and the best legs since Betty Grable into stardom in '60s movies and TV specials, dies in Holmhy Hills, California, at 59. She suffered from pancreatic

September 16: McGeorge Bundy, an aide to US Presidents Kennedy and Johnson and who



Andreas Papandreou

played a key role in the Cuban missile crisis, the Bay of Pigs invasion and the buildup in Vietnam, dies of a heart attack in Boston at 77. September 17: Spiro T. Agnew, Richard Nixon's vice president, who became the only US vice president to resign in disgrace, dies of undiagnosed leukemia in Berlin, Maryland, at 77.

September 20: Max Manus, a World War II resistance fighter who wrote three popular books about his daring raids against Nazi occupation forces in Norway, dies in Baerum, Norway at 81; Paul Erdos, one of this century's leading mathematicians, dies of a heart attack in Warsaw, Poland, while attending an international conference of mathematicians. The Hungarian-American was 83.

September 21: Sabine Zlatin, who founded a home that helped scores of Jewish children escape the Nazis during World War II, dies in Paris at 89.

September 22: Dorothy Lamour, the sarongwearing, straight-faced foil to Bob Hope and Bing Crosby as they traveled the world in their "Road" pictures, such as The Road to Singapore, died in Los Angeles at 81; Ludmilla Chiriaeff, founder of Les Grands Ballets Canadiens and the winner of numerous awards for contributions to Canadian dance, dies in Montreal, Canada.

September 24: Pavel Sudoplatov, the Soviet spymaster who stole the secret of the atomic bomb and plotted the assassination of Leon Trotsky, dies in Moscow after suffering a stroke.

October 5: Computer wizard Seymour Cray, who pioneered the use of transistors in computers, dies of complications from injuries suffered in a traffic accident in Colorado Springs, Colorado. He was 71.

October 10: Magda Trocme, a pastor's wife who led a small French village's rescue of thousands of Jews from the Nazis, dies from a

cerebral hemorrhage in Paris. She was 94. October 11: William Vickrey, who used abstract theory to solve common problems, dies after winning the Nobel Prize in economics at 82. He was found slumped over the wheel of his



Claudette Coibert

car in Harrison, New York. October 12: British muralist Stefan Knapp, who created what is believed to be the largest mural in the world, dies of a heart attack in Guildford, England, at 75. His 200-by 50-foot (61-hy-15-meter) mural is still mounted on the front wall of the former Alexander's Department Store in Paramus, New Jersey.

October 17: Berthold Gold The Magnificent Cuckold was the last opera by a Jewish composer to premiere in Germany before Nazis took power, dies in London at 93.

October 23: Dr. Kurt Freund, whose research into human sexuality was considered among the most groundhreaking of the century, dies in Toronto at 82. Freund, who was suffering from lung cancer, committed suicide.

October 31: Marcel Carne, one of France's greatest directors who braved the Nazi occupation to make The Children of Paradise and Night Visitors, dies at a hospital in the Paris suburb of Clamart. He was 90. November 3: Jean-Bedel Bokassa, one of Africa's most ruthless dictators accused of

killing and eating those who dared criticize his regime, dies of a heart attack in Bangui, Central African Republic. November 14: Cardinal Joseph Bernardin,

the senior Roman Catholic prelate in the United States, dies in Chicago at 68. November 15: Alger Hiss, the public servant who fell from grace in a Communist spy scandal that propelled Richard Nixon to higher office, dies in New York at 92.

November 21: Pakistani physicist and Nobel Prizewinner Abdus Salam dies in Oxford, England. He was 70. November 24. Sorley Maclean, an acclaimed poet who found his voice in Scottish Gaelic. dies in Inverness, Scotland, at age 85.

November 28: Tiny Tim, the scraggly haired singer with the falsetto warble and ukulele who crooned Tiptoe Through the Tulips into a 1960s couoter-culture classic, dies in Minneapolis after apparent cardiac arrest. He was 64. December 8: Marin Sorescu, a revered poet

and former Romanian minister of culture, dies in Bucharest, Romania, after a heart attack. He was December 9: Mary Leakey, half of the husband-and-wife team whose fossil discoveries in East Africa brought the world closer to understanding



Spiro Agnew



### Police say more than 300 dead in India train blast

AT least 300 people were believed to have been killed yesterday when a powerful bomb ripped through several carriages of a packed train in India's northeastern state of Assam, police

Local railway officials said 35 or 40 bodies had so far been recovered by emergency workers struggling through the mangled wreckage but said the death toll was expected to be much

If the toll of 300 or more is confirmed, it would make the attack the second most devastating guerrilla action on record. In June 1985. Sikh extremists were blamed for a bomb on an Air India Boeing 747 which crashed into the sea off Ireland, killing 329 people.
In December 1988, 270 died when a bomb

destroyed a Pan American Boeing 747 over the Scottish town of Lockerbie

The Press Trust of India (PTI) news agency quoted officials as saying the death toll was at

A senior police official told Renters in Assam's biggest city of Guwahati that suspected separatist Bodo militants had used a remotecontrolled device packed with explosives to blow up the Delhi-bound Brahmaputra Mail.

**BISWAJYOTI DAS** GUWAHATI, India

Hundreds of people were travelling ahead of the New Year holiday on the express train, named after the sacred river that flows through

"Bodo guerrillas blew up three coaches of a passenger train killing at least 300 people at Sensapani railway station," the police official

There was no immediate word on how many were injured. Sensapani is 200 km west of Guwahati, hub

of the oil-producing and tea-rich state, and rescuers struggled to reach the remote area in pitch darkness. Railway officials said no rescue team could

reach the site until about midnight local time. Describing the explosion, the police official said: "They used RDX (plastic explosives) and a remote-controlled device."

RDX became widely known in India after it was used in a series of bomb blasts that killed 260 people in Bombay in March, 1993. Police in the town of Kokrajhar said local residents had heard two loud explosions and snegested the attack may have involved two bombs.

The train had left Kokrajhar for Delhi around 7 p.m. yesterday.

The attack came a day after tribal Bodo guerrillas blew up a road bridge that formed the main link between India's northeast regions and the rest of the country, injuring seven peo-

Activists representing Bodo tribesmen living north of the Brahmaputra river want a homeland within India in the state of Assam, but an extremist fringe, the Bodoland Army, has been fighting for a separate nation since

"This is the worst incident of separatist violence in Assam this year," the police official said. Most of the passengers were believed to be holiday-makers heading for Delhi to celebrate the New Year.

Police said none of the several guerrillas groops operating in Assam had elaimed responsibility for the blast.

More than 5,000 people have been killed in ethnic and separatist violence in Assam during the last three years.

### Peru expects peaceful end to hostage crisis

PERUVIAN Prime Minister Alberto Pandolfi said vesterday he expected the siege at the Japanese ambassador's residence to end with all 83 remaining hostages released unharmed by their Marxist captors.

"We are sure that the continuing sound handling of the situation will allow a solution that protects the physical well-being and lives of all of the hostages," the head of the cabinet said in a speech.

"The government is working permanently with prudence and dedication for the prompt release" of the hostages, he added, without giving more details.

Although there has been no public word for nine days from President Alberto Fnjimori - who keeps the final decision-making for himself - Pandolfi's words echoed the new mood of optimism from the weekend.

Government Education Minister Domingo Palermo met guerrilla leader Nestor Cerpa Cartolini Saturday in the first face-to-face contact between the two sides since the crisis began on December 17.

Their meeting was followed by the release of 20 more hostages by rebels of the Tupac Amaru Revolutionary Movement (MRTA), prompting hopes the rest would follow quickly.

But by yesterday afternoon, there was no new move from the roughly 20 rebels. Heavily armed with grenades and antomatic rifles, they have booby-trapped and mined the residence in Lima's fashionable San Isidro district.

The international MRTA spokesman condemned a "solidarity" bomb attack at the Peruvian embassy in Athens by the Guerrilla Fighting Group, another militant leftist organization.

"We reject this sort of display of solidarity because it does not con**ANDREW CAWTHORNE** 

tribute to the solution of a crisis," Issac Velazco told Reuters in a telephone interview from Hamburg, Germany.

Earlier yesterday, hostages trapped at the besieged ambassador's home sent letters to families - the first correspondence allowed out in four days. Relatives of the captives, suffer-

ing their 13th day under rebel guns, went to Red Cross headquarters in Lima to pick up scores of messages scrawled on special forms provided by the organization. Red Cross officials also took food and supplies to the residence. The family of Jesuit priest Juan Julio Wicht, who is among the captives, released a letter he wrote

The priest jovially boasted that be was unbeaten at chess after eight games with Japanese and Peruvian diplomats.

of good for everyone here in such

difficult circumstances," wrote Wicht, who opted to stay in the residence despite being offered freedom. He has held various masses for the captives.

"I am here on a mission and I feel your support and prayers... I am simply doing what any of you or any Jesuit would do, but better

He said tensions were rising and nights spent on the floor of the house were long and hot. But "we hostages maintain our unity and spirits, we pray together and we sing although we do not have the words... God is helping us."

The remaining hostages include President Alberto Fujimori's brother Pedro, top Peruvian police and government officials and about 20 Japanese business-

As New Year approached, police and civil leaders called on Peruvians to tone down celebrations in sympathy with the hostages, and to refrain from using fireworks - particularly around the "I am well and I am doing a lot residence - so as not to alarm the

### Bomb explodes at Peru Embassy in Athens

ATHENS, Greece (AP) - A powerful bomb explosion rocked the entrance to the Peruvian embassy in central Athens yesterday, injuring a female passerby, police said.

They said the young woman suffered mild cuts from flying pieces of glass that showered the entrance of the building housing the Peruvian embassy.

Sky television, a private network, said an anonymous caller telephoned the station to say the attack was waged in support of the Supac Amaru Revolutionary Movement.

The Marxist organization has been holding 83 captives at the Japanese embassy residence in Peru for the past 13 days.

Greek police sped to the site of the explosion and sealed off streets surrounding the Peruvian embassy located on the second floor of an

apartment block on Queen Sophia Avenue. Officials said the explosion was triggered by a make-shift bomb that damaged a door and shattered windows.



body is taken from the wreckage after two people were killed and 17 injured when a single locomotive collided with a passenger ain in northern Italy yesterday.

#### of Belgrade marches BELGRADE (Reuter) - The Yugoslav army denied Five thousand university students tried to march yesterday that it was split over support for Serbian president in his dispute with the opposition as demon-

Army swears unity on 41st day

strators but the streets of Belgrade for the 41st day.

Buoyed by an apparent statement of support from ficers, the demonstrators renewed their demands that Milosevic recognize opposition, adjacent streets to prevent protesters swarming into

wins in November's local elections. An unsigned and unauthenticated letter, read out before 50,000 opposition supporters Sunday, warned Milosevic its authors, which apparently included men of the elite 63rd Paratroop Brigade, would refuse to fire on demonstrators if ordered to do so.

The letter also warned the opposition Zajedno (Together) coalition that it too would be toppled in its turn if it became autocratie in power.

.But an official army statement later stressed its unity, though it made no pledge of loyalty to Milosevie who has struggled for six weeks to contain the protests that have paralyzed Belgrade for more

than six hours every day. The protest wave, made despite police moves to drive demonstrators off the main streets, is the most sustained popular push for democratization in 50 years of lefust one-party rule in Scrbia-led Yugoslavia. across the Sava river bridge yesterday but were blocked by police and forced to retreat into a pedes-

Later, tens of thousands of people backing Zajedno massed in Republic Square with riot police packing traffic zones. Dejan Bulatovic, a Zajedno activist who had been

beaten while in police custody, appeared at the rally after he was released yesterday having served 25 days in jail for carrying an effigy of Milosevic in prison garb.

"They are wrong if they think we have achieved nothing in these 41 days," one of Zajedno's leaders

Zoran Djindjic told the crowd. "We began by chasing a fox which stole our votes and ended up driving a dinosaur out of its lair.

With the streets scaled off by the authorities, Zajedno also confined its now traditional march to the pedestrian mall, walking in circles and jeering at the cordons of riot police.

Up to a quarter of a million people have rallied daily in Serbia against Milosevie's annulment of November 17 municipal elections in 14 cities, includmg Belgrade, won by Zajedno.

### Security Council fears Iraq may be hiding Russian missile parts

NITED NATIONS (AP) - Feating Iraq may ave hidden missile engines and parts that ould be used to build prohibited weapons, the ecurity Council condemned Iraq yesterday for

ot cooperating with UN inspectors. Iraq refused the inspectors' request, earlier his month, to take about 130 Russian-made aissiles to a US lab and determine whether ran removed their engines and key parts, sub-

tituting lower-grade Iraqi ones. "Maybe they are very afraid of this investiation," said Rolf Ekeus, who chairs the ispection team. "How many significant comonents have been removed from the actual ill missiles before they were destroyed?" Ekeus and other inspectors believe Iraq may

lan to put Russian engines and parts - which te better than ones Iraq has technology to aild - into Iraqi-made missiles, thereby makg them more powerful and accurate. Why would you keep them unless you want-

ed to stick them with something that could be made indigenously?" said Ewen Buchanan, an aide to Ekeus on the inspection team, known as the UN Special Commission on Iraq, or Unscom.

Ekeus said Iraqi officials in one case even admitted that Iraq had replaced a Russian engine with an Iraqi one.

Unscom officials want to inspect the missiles at the US Army Missile Command in Huntsville, Alabama, which they said is the best facility in the world for intricate missile

Iraqi UN ambassador Nizar Hamdoon said Iraq was cooperating with the commission but does not want the missiles taken to the US, rather than Russia, for inspection.

"If it is to be taken elsewhere to be investigate ed, it should be taken to the country of origin, he said, adding that he hoped the disagreement would be resolved "in the coming weeks."

Under terms of UN resolutions ending the 1991 Gulf War, Iraq is to get rid of all weapons of mass destruction, including missiles that can travel more than 150 km.

Deputy US ambassador Edward Gnehm yesterday expressed pleasure at a statement the Security Council adopted that "deplores the refusal by Iraq" to allow inspectors to remove the missiles.

"What we're seeing here in this particular episode is the continuation of Iraq to obstruct through manipulation and deception the activities of Unscom," he said.

Ekeus on December 18 reported that Iraq not only has missiles, but also rocket launchers, fuel and a command system to "make a missile force of significance" that could threaten its

neighbors. During the Gulf War, Iraq fixed missiles at Israel, killing two people, and at Saudi Arabia, killing 28 US soldiers.

### Post-war Guatemala must bury hatreds

GUATEMALA CITY (Reuter) -Guatemala began its post-war era yesterday facing the enormous challenge of burying a history of francicidal harred and overcoming deep skepticism about its future

after 36 years of guerrilla war. "The problem with Guatemala is that civil war has become almost institutionalized," a western diplo-

Guatemalans turned out in the tens of thousands Sunday to wit-

ness the end of one of Latin America's most enduring and bru-tal conflicts in which 100,000 people died and some 40,000 "disappeared" in counter-insurgency

The scale of the devastation, mostly suffered during the years of military dictatorship in the 1960s to 1980s, meant the celebration was more reflective than euphoric, and many - particularly on the left - were openly sceptical.

Before both sides effectively halted military operations last March, conflict had long been pocketed in the remote highlands, home mostly to Indians that make up a downtrodden majority in the Central American country.

Ideological frictions still run deep. "In terms of the political polarizations that have been created over the past 36 years, they are wounds which will take a long time to heal," the diplomat said.

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### Trading places

▼ESTERDAY's no-confidence motion by the right-wing Moledet party marked a watershed in Israeli politics and in the short history of the Netanyahu government. Just as Likud prime minister Menachem Begin relied on Labor votes to pass the Camp David Accords, a government of the Right is again relying on the Left to support its policies regarding the peace process.

Lahnr, Meretz, and the Arah parties resisted the temptation to try and topple the current government by abstaining nn Moledet's mntion of nn canfidence in the prime minister. It could have been otherwise. Labor MK Dalia Itzik, for example, ealled on her party to vote with Moledet in the hope that Labor could belp bring about new elections. It was also nnt long ago that Binyamin Netanyahu himself, as opposition leader, voted with the Arah parties on a noconfidence motion concerning huilding in Jerusalem, in the end forcing the Labor government to abandon its plans.

The opposition parties, particularly Labor and Meretz, are to be commended for choosing the more principled course, rather than taking political advantage of the government's crisis on the Right. In fact, the coalitioo was never in any real

danger, because if the parties of the Left had tried to take advantage of the situatinn, the National Religious Party, which absented itself, would have voted for the government. From an ideological standpoint, however, there is no doubt that the government's imminent agreement on Hebron has more support from the opposition than from the coalition.

In the Knesset, some of the most bitter opposition to the government came from Likud and NRP MKs who are coocerned about the direction in which Netanyahu has been leading the nation. They accused the government of producing an agreement that was no better for the Jews of Hebron than that negotiated by the previous government; of having no red lines; of leading Israel towards disaster. In fact, they selves from the Knesser plenum, preferring nor to place a vote of confidence in the government in which they are members.

The question now is whether the current debate over Hebron is an exception, or whether it marks a structural realignment which will typify the peace process battles ahead. Leaders across the spectrum are asking: is Netanyahu a hawk in rhetoric and a dove in actions?

NRP MK Shaul Yahalom, for example, pointed out that despite all the talk about settlements, nothing has happened on the ground, not even the expansioo of existing settlements which occurred under the previous government. He vide - will elude him.

Sir. - The Kendrick Extrication

Device (KED) pictured in your

issue of December 18 is a useful

and practically foolproof aid to

ambulance personnel and search-

and-rescue teams in extracting

seated or trapped accident victims

with suspected spinal injuries. Its

most helpful features are three

pairs of wide, color-coded straps

(red. yellow and green) which are

useful in preventing mistakes dur-

ing cramped or high-pressured sit-uadons, and lnng Velcro strips to

simplify immobilization of the

From the picture, however, it

seems the device is not entirely

foolproof enough. The photo shows the MDA voluoteer

"demonstrating" the device as

incorrectly as can be imagined.

The device has been placed back-

wards behind the patient, thus

placing the straps and Velcro

attachments inside the device

rather than outside where they can

actually be nf some use; the arms

parient's head.

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pointed out that the government - which placed the solidifying of Israeli sovereignty over Jerusalem at the centerpiece of its election campaign - has even hinted that it may not go ahead with huilding within Jerusalem itself.

During that campaign, the Moledet party slogan was "Only Moledet is on the Right." At the time, when the Likud was being portrayed as an anathema to the peace process, the slogan seemed farfetched.

In fact, the Moleder slogan turned out to be more prescieot than anyone would have guessed. Far from killing the Oslo process, the Netanyaho government has reinforced it hy entwining the fate of the mainstream Right inextricably with the peace process.

Labor leader Shimon Peres boasted in yesterday's Knesset debate that only Labor could have negotiated the continued IDF presence in the Machpela Cave, the tomh of the Patriarchs. Perhaps. The question is whether the Peres government, given the opposition of the Right even to the current government, could have implemented its own agreemeot.

Former prime ministers Rabin and Peres were willing to forge ahead on controversial agreements with the narrowest of Knesset majorities. Netanyahu claimed that his election would change that approach, but the pendulum has swung so far in the other direction that he is losing the support of much of his own coalition.

The question coalition members are now asking out loud in the Knesset is whether - beyond rhetoric - Netanyahu is doing anything differently than what Peres would have done.

It is too soon to say, with the details and side agreements still unknown, whether Netanyahu has found a way to mold the Hebron agreement in his own image. In any case, the test of Hebron may have been an unfair one, given that he had to work within a signed agreement that he inherited. From now on, Oslo becomes more open to interpretation.

The prime minister himself has defined the sounded much like Netanyahu did while in the -- basic standard upon which to measure his future opposition: Four ministers even absented them- "listencess" the concept of reciprocity: "Both Israel and the Palestinians have lists of outstanding items within the Oslo framework that are supposed to be implemented before emharking on permanent status negotiations. Will Israel fulfill the Palestinian wish list unilaterally, or will the Palestinians have to improve their compliance with Oslo in return?

If Netanyahu succeeds in negotiating real reciprocity concerning future steps, he will succeed in walking the fine line between remaining true to Oslo and to the voters who elected him. If oot, he may find that the broad consensus that Israelis want - and he sincerely wishes to pro-

FIRST AID IN ISRAEL of the patient are being restrained an elderly woman with a tolerawithin the device, when the arm hle, undisplaced fracture handled so carelessly as to painfully disholes are actually one of the KED's best features, allowing the place it, visibly shortening and

twisting her leg. In all of these

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the scene; and in all of them, I

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MDA volunteers near them.

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stretcher, I have seen an ALS

vehicle stay on the scene of a trau-

patient to help himself during an

extrication when, for example, the

risk of his slamming face-first into

rock walls or other hazards is

Sir, - On Wednesday, Atid, the new international partnership of three pluralistic, apolitical Zionist youth movements, holds its founding convention at Moshav Shoresh. This is the first formal assembly of the Israeli Tsofim (Scouts); the American Young Judaeans; and the British Federation of Zionist Youth. The three-day convention program emphasizes Israel-Diaspora relations and the role of Zionist youth

movements in creating new bonds. The Jewish people appear to be more and more polarized. The centrality of Israel in the world of the Diaspora is waning. Our young people are subject to considerable criticism, for what they do and for what they don't do. At this time, the

Sir. - Your December 23 edition contained a story about a succession struggle within a Hassidic community. The article was balanced fair and interesting - as are all of Haim Shapiro's pieces. Unfortunately, your headline writer chose to cap founding of Atid is a significant statement; it declares that young Jewish men and women are willing, even eager, to seek out and enhance that which unites us, rather than focus on that which

Their commitment to the concept of a Jewish people and their determination to realize that idea is reflected in their daily lives. They are serious students, supplementing their secular education with Jewish studies and youthmovement activities. Many do community service - with the elderly, the handicapped, and immigrants; staffing food banks, promoting literacy, and tutoring deprived children. They care -

### CRUDE HEADLINE

the article with a crudely sarcastic headline, which read: Brotherly love, Hassidic style."

This is the type of sophomoric unprofessionalism which typifies much of Israel's Hebrew-language press. If the Post allows its writers

about their society, about the Jewish world, about "doing for others.

SUSAN BLATT

I hope Atid will serve as a model for other programs promoting cooperation and understanding, We need to talk to each other and to listen; to discuss, argue and debate; but most of all to relate and interact. We desperately need partnerships of this kind. We need to follow the Atid example. These vooth-movement members deserve our respect, admiration, encouragement and support.

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And in case anyone had any



### Super-rich vs. workers

IKE an earthquake, Sunday's economy-wide strike, spear-beaded by the powerful constituent trade unions of the Histadrut, came as a shock to an unprepared government and a shocked public.

But as with earthquakes, the buildup of hidden tensions which finally burst out can be measured, at times even predicted.

Blame for the irresponsibility that led to the painful shut-downs of large parts of the public economy on Sunday afternoon and yesterday must be shared between the heads of the Histadrut and the

Earlier this month the Histadrut declared its intention to call a general strike after the mandatory two-week cooling-off period; so it should have been obvious that Histadrut Chairman Amir Peretz was merely awaiting a suitable

This was obligingly provided by a stumblefooted government which ordered the unprecedented arrest of a strike leader. Shlomo Shani, the hitherto anonymous head of the Histadrat's Trade Union Division.

Jailing-a union leader cannothe anything hut a casus belli all the more to a woefully weakened Histadrut whose leadership is frantically inteot on proving that it has not vanished as a potent economic force to be and employers.

The Histadrut's unprecedented budgetary penury has compelled Peretz immediately to fire a large number of local trade union council heads and their staffs. A general strike is a way to distract attention from that traumatic in-house

Peretz is also trying to assert his role as a radical labor leader in order to impose his hegemony on the independent and powerful constituent unions that provided the muscle behind the strike and have shown in the past that they are fully capable of closing the economy down, should they so YOSEF GOELL

decide.

IRONICALLY, the overnight escalation of the strike at Haifa Chemicals into an economy-wide confrontation reflects the radicalization that has accompanied the eroding of the Histadrut.

When the Histadrut was Israel's gigantic conglomerate nf trade unions, industries and social services, its leaders behaved much more responsibly because they

if Netanyahu and Meridor had thought about it they might not have been so surprised by this week's general strike

had to juggle those diverse interests. Now, divested of these multiple roles; they feel constrained to fighting for the narrower breadand-hutter economic interests of their worker members.

The immediate and widespread participation in the strike is evidence that it was not merely the whim of a formerly responsible

Prime Minister Netanyahu and Finance Minister Meridor may have been honest in expressing their perplexity over the cause of the strike, but they were also more than a little disingenuous. What lies behind the strike is a

very real perception of the Netanyahu governmeot's hasic hostility to workers' interests.

Netanyahu makes frequent references to his vision of a Thatcherite future for Israel, and has not disguised his intention to privatize large parts of the publicly owned economy. The more well-to-do workers correctly perceive these as direly threatening

Privatization is at times a real improvement nver public ownership; hut commitment to privatization as an ideology always leads to higher unemployment and to the pauperization of large parts of the well-established work

The growing income gap in this cnuntry has nnt been merely between those at the top and those at the bottom; the chasm between the very rich and the upper-middle-income earners has also grown unprecedentedly.

The government's ideological biases were given expression this week in the denouement of the hudget debate in the Knesset Finance Committee.

When it was forced to give in to demands that it revoke hudget proposals that would have hit primarily at the poor, the Treasury pulled a fast one by, in effect, raising income taxes on middle-level earnings and abolishing tax easements for working women.

A government that was not ideologically committed to the superrich at the expense of everyone behave much more radically in else would have made on its revteme shortfall hy slashing the NIS 9h. in National Insurance easements to employers and raising marginal tax rates at the top. But that was unthinkable for

Netanyahu and Meridor. A government with such ecowinch refuses to negotiate with workers' representatives on an honest basis should not be surprised to find itself confrooted by all the striking force those workers can muster. Its antisocial intentions need nipping in the bud before they get a chance to mature.

One can only hope that in this confrontation the Histadrut learns to focus its strength on the government while refraining from hitting at the broader public, thus weakening its own positions.

The writer comments on public

### Taking a moral stand

short while ago in Britain, two Palestinian terrorists got 20-year sentences for bombing attacks - in which no one got killed - on Israeli and Jewish targets there. The judge, expressing moral disgust, recommended that the two terrorists be expelled from Britain after serving their sentences.

A short while ago in Israel, two Palestinian terrorists killed two members of an Israeli family and got away with it. They fled to the safety of Ramallah, controlled by the Palestinian Authority, were apprehended and given "prison sentences" that everyone knows are a joke.

Our present government was elected largely because Israelis felt Jewish life had become cheap in Israel. But it now seems that principle is part of the "irre-versible" legacy inherited from the previous government.

When they were in the opposition, Binyamin Netanyahu and other critics of the Oslo accords complained that the Rabin-Peres government had no real red lines. What would have to happen, they asked, for that government really to take Yasser Arafat to task, to apply the hrakes to the "process"?

Now we know something about this government's "red lines." We know it does not draw the line at letting Palestinians get away with murder.

Not that we should worry; Justice Minister Tzahi Haneghi will be taking the tough measure of writing to the PA to request the murderers' extradition, continuing a genre former justice minister David Liba'i excelled in.

P. DAVID HORNIK

hope left that Arafat would be held accountable, US mediator Dennis Ross has been dispatched to help ensure that more terrorist enclaves are established. During the three nightmare

years leading up to the last elections very few Israelis went so far as to demonstrate in the streets against the reign of terror. Only in May 1996 did Israeli Jews make

It's good to know that there is still a country where Jews can walk in dignity

their statement, voting overwhelmingly for Netanyahu and for right-wing, religious, or centrist parties.

But now it's still open season on Israelis - and there's nowhere left

The Likud, Tsomet and the National Religious Party are already in the government. No one takes to the streets to protest being murderable, and we can't exactly threaten to throw the rascals out for a right-wing alternative in 2000

The left-wing opposition? It's sunk to a level of moral and intellectual squalor that sollies the memory of the great Labor Zionist achievements of the past.

Yes, some Labor MKs were nice enough to visit the bereaved Tzur family. But criticize Arafat? Demand that he honor agreements? Suggest that perhaps some

aspects of the "process" aren't working so well? Inconceivable. The Left has become incapable of thinking of Arabs as enemies; its only real enemies are other

Israelis. Even Ehud Barak can, at most, manage to give Arafat a light verbal tap on the wrist, all the while joining in the relentless, automatic excoriation of Netanyahu.

THE MARCH of madness and suicide goes on.

For the US and Israel the transcendent goal - which justifies abandoning the most basic moral principles - is to create an anti-US, anti-Israel terrorist state along our contracting borders.

Three years into this "process" we are not further from war, but closer to it. Syria is no less militant; Egypt and the Palestinians are more militant; Israel is weakened, demoralized, divided.

The main hope now is not that there will be peace, but that Arab states will not join in the Israel-PA war that is certain to break ont. Such destabilization is not in American interests, and it certain-

ly is not in Israel's. But the show must go on, a sort of secular religion, immune to invalidation even, seemingly, in

the eyes of its latest Netanyahu government devotees. In this hleak situation it's good to know that there is still a country

where Jews can walk in dignity, secure in the knowledge that any attempt on their lives will be treated as a serious crime, and the perpetrators punished. The irony is it's Britain.

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## image

ALEXANDER ZVIELLI

ESTERDAY the group of laid-off Dimona textile workers who have been squatting in a factory warehouse for the past six months started a fire to draw attention to their desperation and distress. One person narrowly escaped severe injury. All of us should be warned.

While the government and the Histadrat waste hillions of shekels fighting over politics and prestige, causing the economy severe harm, the needs of the weakest strata of the population those in places like Dimona and Yeroham - go ignored.

Yet we ignore them at our peril. These people maintain our borders; they are the real backbone nf the country. We need towns in the Negev and the Arava to be strong and prosperous; Israel consists of more than Tel Aviv and

But what foreign company will invest in a country plagued by labor strife, one in which the labor federation all hut declares

that it owns all industry?

If the government and the Histadrut cannot work together in places like Dimona - if all that matters is the seven hig trade unions - then what we are seeing

The ongoing tragedy of the Dimona textile workers reflects a social sickness

in Dimona today we will be witnessing in Tel Aviv and Haifa

tomorrow. The current conflict will lead to large-scale joblessness, which will eventually affect the strong

unions too. And in a country like Israel, unemployment is more dangerous than any external threat.

WHICH brings us back to those

desperate people in Dimona. Veteran workers who had loyally served Dimona Textile for many years suddenly found themselves laid off as a result of "financial problems." Alternative employment possibilities were

rirtually non-existeor. TV's Channel 1 recently highlighted the plight of these 280 families in heart-wringing fashion, presenting a picture of mass

The fired workers were clearly in shock; we saw them helplessly itting on the factory floor and walking sadly among rusting

machinery. Redundancy in an unprofitable local textile industry might seem imperative. But is it? And must

the local textile industry remain unprofitable? With reports of Israeli industry investing \$800m. abroad in 1996 and new textile plants opening in

Jordan, one wonders: What is the real story behind Dimona? Many of its workers, employed by the factory since its inception. lost their pension rights because management did not forward their dues to the respective pension funds. And they had oowhere to

turn to for compensation. Had their mjuries been physical they would have been treated immediately. But their deep mental trauma, their gnawing fear and frustration was ignored. They were left to stew.

Of course, soon after their drama began, in July, they were visited by a throng of government ministers, party leaders and Histadrut managers, all promising to help, clapping the workers on their backs before hurrying back to their limousines.

But that help was never delivered. The abandoned workers seemed to be awaiting some Godot who would never come. Not knowing where to turn, they began to feel old, their lives wasted, their futures barren and idle. Like people landed on some alien, threatening shore, they began to feel they had nothing to

To those who remember that our MKs granted themselves a 30-percent wage increase earlier this year, and still aspire to more, who see Histadrut managers continuing to draw large salaries while making empty gestures, what is happening to our society seems beyond understanding.

The investors who bought Dimona Textile apparently did so to benefit from the cash incentives offered by the government, then allowed it to die. They should be the first to be held responsible for their employees'

tragedy. But they aren't the only accountable ones here.

The Dimona workers' ongoing saga is a grave indictment of the opulent, egotistic and self-serving body that calls itself our national leadership.

The writer, a former press foreman, served on a workers' committee for 15 years.

### A conductor's faith in art

THEATER REVIEW NAOMI DOUDAL

Taking Sides by Ronald Harwood. Hebrew, Rivka Meshulah. Direction: Micah Lewensohn. Design: Ruth Dar. Lighting: Brian Hebrew Hamenatzeah. The Cameri Theater at ZOA House, Tel Aviv.

THE Cameri, once more defying the popular predictinn that theater is dying or dead, closes the old year with this breathtaking production. I can hardly remember an event in theater that beld me, with those around me, so spellbound.

What we have here is one of the most relentlessly searching examinations of Nazi guilt from a post-war, postmodern historical perspective. Ronald Harwood, a prize-winning playwright, but more to the point, a South African Jew, dares to question the judgment of history regarding the denazified but stigmatized German conductor Wilhelm Furtwangler. The main thrust of Taking Sides is that Harwood pretends he doesn't.

His brief is based on the conviction that the conductor, principally a man of faith, believed in the supremacy of art over politics. He was inspired, perhaps naively, to serve the Nazi regime in order to rescue culture from barbarity. To his own values he was no traitor. At the most he was used, a propaganda tool of an implacable authoritarian regime. Harwood's own words, "For those who live in a democracy 50 years later, it's easy to criticize. If I were in the same situation, in the same period, I don't know if I would

have behaved differently." Ultimately, with Beethoven's Ninth playing in their ears, Harwood leaves the audience - as the title implies - to decide for itself. Micah Lewensohn emblazons what is a perfectly achieved play with powerful direction, a trusty translation, and consummate casting.

Of the six roles, some of them at times slightly overwrought, even the most minor is otherwise played to perfection. Merav Gruber's distraught wife of a Jewish pianist though the briefest is deeply moving.

As the US colonel's correct with inner agony, is a formidable... unexploited talent.



Oded Teomi gives a towering performance as Wilhelm Furtwängler.

exercise in restraint unusual in local actors. The refugee Jewish US captain, another sensitive portrait, is played by Alon Ofir with a mixture of delicacy and impassioned defiance.

Of these perhaps the most arresting is Yossi Krantz's Helmur, the shabby, second-rate fiddler and ambivalent but ever acquiescent informer. It is presented with a subtle range of emotion by an actor who for the first time has

In the leading role is Oded Teomi, impeccably groomed (if weakly bewigged) in a towering, though at times overstrung, study of the leonine maestro among

Complete with the mannerisms, the hauteur and tempestuous temperament of a great creative spirit, the personality he presents is a powerful take-off of the great vir-

Nathan Datner, however, as his German secretary, Shiri Golan's here the chance to display to the coarse and clumsy, anti-cultural sion spoken by the inimitable executive vice pre-chilling, sculpted presence, tense full a long-suspected but hitherto American interrogator, by contrast. Dawn Nadell and Johnny Phillips, .Line distribution. American interrogator, by contrast. Dawn Nadell and Johnny Phillips, Line distribution. Sony Lincoln, Square, which . \$48,000 at five theaters. a more flesh-and-blood creation, are now available. "Since many theaters didn't -added a last-might midnight. (LA Times)

gives the performance of a lifetime. His colonel, now laconic, now livid, is a triumph of simple sincentry and strong feeling.

Fraught with alien weltanschuung and warring attitudes, the two meet in some of the most stirring scenes a Jewish audience can have ever witnessed onstage.

This is a show that must be seen, with the supplement of simultaneous translation if necessary. Earphones, with the English ver-

### Kiss reunion tour boosts US concert industry

T wasn't a particularly good year for people in the US concert industry, unless you happened to breathe fire, spit blood and wear a lot of greasepaint.

Kiss's rennion tour was the inp money-earner in North America for 1996, taking in \$43.6 million and beating acts like Garth Brooks, Neil Diamond and Rod Stewart, the concert industry trade publication Polistar reported Wednesday.

US consumers spent an estimated \$1.05 billion nn concerts dur-ing 1996, Pollstar said. That's up slightly from the \$950 million in 1995 but not approaching the record \$1.4 billion set in 1994.

The increased dullar volume was largely due to higher ticket prices and masked a particularly weak showing for many veteran artists out on the road, said Gary Bonginvanni, Pollstar editor.

Kiss was the spectacular exception. The band reunited its original members, donned the cumbersome costumes and used truckloads of special effects for 92 dates - leaving sellouts in their wake.
"Probably everybody except [Kiss member] Gene Simmons was surprised by how strong that was," Bungiovanni said.

The summer's other high-profile rock rennion - of the Sex Pistols didn't even register in Pollstar's top 50 concert draws.

The concert circuit was flooded this summer with stars of the 1970s - Styx, Kansas, Steely Dan,



Alanis Morissette was one of the year's more popular acts.

Stills and Nash. Many played to a

lot of empty seats.
"The '70s acts didn't work, except for the Eagles and Kiss," said Jim Kuplik of Metropolitan Entertainment, one of the Northeast's top promoters.
"The '70s, I think ... are over.

There were a lot of '70s acts out last year and I think most promoters will stay away next year." Artists demanded increased

guaranteed payments to perform this year, Bongiovanni said. That forced promoters to raise

Steve Miller, Chicagn and Crosby, ticket prices, turning off all but the acts' most fanatic followers, Bonginyanni said.

It's been a down year in general for the music industry. Compact disc sales are flat and many in the business wonder if any artists will emerge to lift them out of the doldrams.

On the plus side, a number of acts established themselves as solid, if not spectacular, concert draws this year. Alanis Morissette, Oasis, Bush, Smashing Pumpkins, Phish and Tori Bongiovanni said.

### Travolta wins box-office battle

opeo until 5 or 6 [p.m.] yesterday, the true test of how Michael will

HRISTMAS Day was indeed spirited for New Line Cinema, whose Michael was the surprise winner of the holiday's US box-office competition. Despite mixed reviews, Nora Ephron's film featuring John Travolta as a lusty archangel - took in \$5.4 million to push aside the two previous weekend leaders, Jerry Moguire and Beavis and Butt-head Do America, which grossed about \$3.1 million and \$2.7 million.

respectively. The PG-rated Michael eut across demographie lines and was as strong in small towns as in big cites, said Al Sbapiro, senior

executive vice president of New

fare should be today," he said Thursday. "Still, we always expected it to be big. John Travolta is a buge star. The only one who can compete with him is Tom Cruise - and he had his day [in Moguire] last week." In other openings, the critically panned Terms of Endearment follow-up, The Evening Star, took in

\$1.1 million on 1,263 screens for ninth place.

The epotroversial Evita brought in more than \$71,000 in two theaters. Shows were sold out at Hollywood's Cinerama Dome, where it set a ooe-day bouse record, as well as at Manhattan's screening. The film will open in 21 more cities Wednesday and go wide January 10.

Also in limited release, Albert Brooks's Mother grossed approximately \$53,866 in six theaters; Kenneth Branagh's Hamlet did capacity business in three theaters, bringing in more than \$30,000 despite a four-hour running time that limited the number of daily shows to three; Gramercy's The Portrait of o Lady took in \$10,311 in three theaters and I'm Not Rappaport \$3,081 in two theaters; Columbia's Some Mother's Son took in \$3,034 on three screens while the studio's The People vs. Larry Flynt took in an estimated

### Voice of Army Radio, Leah Oz, dead at 31

EAH Oz, the Army Radio broadcaster whose sexy evoice was treasured by thouands of soldiers, committed suiide Sunday afternoon.

Oz had taken a leave of absence om Army Radio and been underoing treatment for depression sulting from the high-stress job hich she had dedicated herself to ace 1982, when she began workg at Army Radio to fulfill her IDF rvice. However, her mother tky and stepfather Aaron Miller lieved that the 31-year-old pertionist - who kept listeners smilwith shows like the prizewin-

g Mama's Voice, Galgal-Leah Shooting from the Hip - had wn signs of tecovering.

'n Sunday afternoon, for the first

in three months, they left Oz e at their Gedera home and ied for a brit mila celebration. ut 20 minutes after they had Vicky had a feeling that someterrible had happened. She d Miller to call home and check z; she didn't want to call herself use she was afraid her tremvoice would alarm her daugh-When Oz didn't answer the s, they drove home and discovhat she had hanged herself. a teenager, Oz had wanted to singer, but she refocused this ion after she began broadcast-

1 Army Radio. radio shows, which included music and call-in shows, often directed specifically at s and their families. had also worked at Radio 3

entured briefly into televiidition to her mother and

ner, she is survived by her d and brother. Jerusalem Post Staff

### ot so single

Cortese, who played e's evil brother in Meirose id is a former MTV host, g the cast of NBC's The Guy on six upcoming in the US, playing a single who befriends Jonathan Silverman). better hurry; the network y plans to pull The Single its schedules.

(Washington Post)

### IPO's all-star celebrations: A landmark in musical history

THE ISRAEL Philharmonic Orchestra's 60th anniversary celebrations continued with two exceptional musical celebrations and a disappointing con-

The display of the finest violinists in the world in a long evening of vinlin fireworks was one of the festival's most exciting events. Three hours of superb piano playing featured a sublime, controlled and powerful reading of Bruch's First Violin Concerto by Shlumo Mintz, and the spectacular playing of two shorter French pieces by Maxim Vengerov.

The real star of the evening, Gil Shaham, mesmerized the audience with his caressing reading of the Dvorak Romance and his brilliant, sweeping rendition of Sarasate's Carmen Fantasy.

Daniel Barenboim's rendition of Beethoven's Fifth Symphony was a study in musical greatness to which the orchestra responded with willing enthusiasm. Pinchas Zukerman played Beethoven's Violin Concerto in a similar manner.

But at the actual 60th anniversary gala, it seemed as though the orchestra bad bad enough. It magically under Barenboim in the nverture to Oberon (Weber). But its rendition of Brahms's Second Symphony was stale. Even the playing of a Mozart serenade left a lot to be desired.

Overall, however, this 10-day musical bonanza was one of the greatest musical festivals in the history of Israel, the IPO and probably the world.

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CONCERT ROUNDUP

LOUIS Lortie presented a poetie and delicate reading of the Schumann piann concerto in his performance with the Haifa Symphony Orchestra under the sensitive baton of music director Stanley Sperber.

At one point it seemed as if we are in the midst of an nutburst of emotions, and in the center of the romantic stormy era in which the protagonist agonizes nver his fate. Yet then came a moment of tender beanty celebrating the joy of love

and accepting its pangs.
All this was novious whether at the most beautiful cadenza or in the subtle dialogue with the orchestra, or whether in the opening and closing grand movement or the middle more gentle one. Lortie is not only a great pianist. What impresses you in his performance is the way he interprets the music, the way he delves into the bottom of the score and his inner self to reveal some of the most beautiful lines written by Schumann.

In short a great rendition by a first- rate planist. Haifa Auditorium, Dec. 21. Michael Ajzenstadt

THE Liturgica's opening concert presented sacred texts from three different cultures - German-Hungarian and Romantic, American-Jewish. But it was short

on major works. And the Jerusalem Symphony

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achieve a reasonable balance of Mendelssohn's Psalm 42 was

rendered in grand English oratorio The choir sounded as if it was on alien territory, and the sopranos, even the bright, clear Kelley Nassief, were harsh.

The theatrical rather than littingical aspects were emphasized in Leonard Bernstein's Kaddish. And narrator Haim Topol's amplification system exacerbated his sticky

There was consolation in Kodaly's Psalmus Hungaricus. Tamas Daroczi's lyric tenor blended in well with the choir, whose impressive masses of soond reflected this work's spirit. Jerusalem Theater, Dec. 24.

Ury Eppstein

THE Hillel Hebrew University Orchestra conducted by Anita Kamien, one of the country's few female conductors, selected a Romantic program for its winter

The orchestra displays a rich, balanced sound, accurate intonation - mainly in the strings - and above all, enthusiasm. The romanambiance of Weber's Freischütz Overture and Schubert's Unfinished Symphony was conveyed with warmth and involvement Russian-born Emil Israel

Chudnovsky (26), the soloist in Tebaiknysky's Vinlin Concerto, furnished evidence of considerable talent with his brilliant tone, rituoso technique and sensitive lyricism, expressing the composer's overflowing emotionality without gliding into sentimentali-If cultivated cautiously, his

remarkable gifts may still mature into a musical personality of

Jerusalem Theater, Dec. 21. Ury Eppstein

TWO important young Israeli artists took time out of aspiring soln careers in collaborate on a performance of a distinguished but rarely performed cycle, Die Schone Magelone by Brahms - a collection of 15 romances on texts by German poet and dramatist Ludwig Tieck (1773-1853).

Yaron Windmuller's carefully placed lyric baritone lent a studied tonal focus to each vocal phrase. His wandering around the piano added a modernist touch. This intellectual approach was

balanced by warm intuitive accompaniments by pianist Daniel Gorder, effectively blending melodic commentary, textured inner voices, and bass. Their collaboration represents a

new sabra generation's rediscovery of 19th-century emotive European roots. Beersheba Conservatory,

December 20. Max Stern

### Women raise profile of Ramat Hasharon

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

YEAR ago, in Istanbul, Menahem Nebenhaus stunned the waiters in a restaurant be entered with his nrchestra because "...it had been a while since they had seen one man entering their restaurant surrounded by 14 women."

While many have argued that the all-female Israel Camerata Ramat Hasbaron is basically a gimmick, Nebenhaus, one of Israel's promising conductors, adamantly believes that "the gimmick ends after a few bars. hen it is just the music."

Which is wby the prebestra now even bas a male double-bass player.
"There is no reason to break the orchestra tradition of female musicians, but the quality must

come first. There is no female

monopoly bere, quite the con-In its early stages, the Camerata played a very conservative repertoire basically comprising Mozart, Cnrelli, and Handel. Nebenhaus somewbat extended this repertoire to

include romantic and classic composers who wrote for a string ensemble, as well as contemporary composers. "Earlier this season we per-

formed a concert for electric guitar by Yaron Gotfried and next

season we will premlere a new npus by Ramat Hasbaron native composer Hagar Kadima." Nebenhaus, 36, continues to

teach and conduct youth orcbestras in Israel and abroad, and also to lead concerts in festivals and with orcbestras all over the Next month be will lead a

series of concerts with the Haifa Symphony Orchestra, in which he conse a somewbat unusual program including the rarely performed Sibelius Sixth Symphony, and a baroque vocal work by Viadana which be arranged for the orchestra and which will be performed in a which will be performed in a quasi-stereo setting in which the audience will be sandwiched by the brass and strings.

Befnre that, bnwever, Nebenhaus brings his Camerata nrchestra to the Tel Aviv Museum this Saturday for a somewhat intriguing program of compositions by Pachelbel, Elgar and Shnstakovich as well as the Glazunny Saxopbone Concertn with Yakira Levi as

The program is repeated next Sunday in Ramat Hasbaron. This season the Camerata plays each of its six programs in Tel Aviv as well as in its home

#### Orchestra and the Scottish National Chorus, conducted by TEL AVIV UNIVERSITY Michael Ajzenstadt David Shallon, frequently failed to **TOWER RECORDS' TOP 15**

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## BUSINESS & FINANCE

Tuesday, December 31, 1996

### Cement firms: No room here for Japanese producer

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

THE local cement market "has no room" for another major producer, sources in the industry said yesterday in response to reports that a large Japanese conglomerate wants to build a cement plant here at an investment of some \$250 million-\$300

The plant will potentially bite deep into the market share of Nesher Cement, the country's sole

The monopoly, which is jointly owned by the Clal-Israel and Koor Industries, has three facilities which compete with various

Sources close to the company expressed doubt that a foreign company intends to make such a large investment at a time when there is an oversupply of cement in the local market.

About a month ago. Nesher managing director Yitzhak Davidi forecast demand for cemeot would fall five percent in 1997. The forecast was based on the drop in building starts in 1996. which has led to a drop in demand and accumulation of stock. In April, Nesher was forced to temporarily shut down three mills because it had accumulated a large quantity of cement which is difficult to store over long peri-

Neither Davidi nor Nesher chairman Yossi Rosen could be reached for comment. 17 1715-227 During the past few years, sewers, at foreign companies expressed

interest in entering the local cement market, but all backed out. One reason is the fact that the market is very capital-intensive, said a

Nesher's board of the production of amount of rations for January, amount of rations for Janu Nesher's board of directors line, which will produce about 5000 tons of clinker a day, is scheduled to be completed by

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### '96 growth slowed to 4.4%; unemployment down to 6.5%

THE economy expanded by an overall 4.4 pe cent this year, after having grown by 7.1% and 6.4% during 1995 and 1994 respectively, the Central Bureau of Statistics reported yesterday. The report was based on preliminary macroeconomic data gathered through November.

While the figures clearly support accumulating data which indicate the economy has been slowing down over the past two quarters, after half a decade of robust growth, the CBS also reported that unemployment has declined to 6.5% from 7% during 1995.

However, the CBS said the labor market

began showing some signs of weakness during the second half of the year, when joh applica-

BAGHDAD (Reuter) - Iraqis rely-

ing on food rations for more than

six years will have to wait a little

longer before seeing the fruits of

Baghdad's newly implemented

There was no change in the

terday. Officials have promised to

increase the rations after the

implementation of the deal but cau-

tioned that it would take some time

Benefit Rights for a Handicapped Child Broadened

to include all income Groups

categories listed below will be entitled to benefits regardless of their income.

Parents who submit claims not later than march 9, 1997 will be eligible for a

eligibility period, but not earlier than January 1, 1995. Those submitting a claim after March 9, 1997, who are found to be eligible, will receive the benefit only

one), or who suffers from a severe development problem, or who is blind -

who is not able to perform everyday activities without major assistance

from another person (getting around his house, dressing, washing,

prevent him from endangering his life or that of others;

radiation treatments for a malignant disease

eating, personal hygiene), or who is need of constant supervision to

who suffers from one of the following: dysautonomia, cystic fibrosis, autism, P.D.D., schizophrenia, blindness,thiaissemia, haemophlia A

- who receives dialysis treatment at least twice a week, or chemotherapy or

An infant or child with impaired hearing with a hearing threshold in each

pancreas, live, bone marrow from a foreign donor) - during the first year

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benefit payment retroactive to January 1, 1995, or to the beginning of their

 An infant who is not yet 3 years old, who suffers from a severe illness (including a malignant disease or a severe secondary disease caused by

from the first of the month in which the claim was made.

Who is entitled to a handicapped child's benefit?

in accordance with the regulations.

An infant with Down's Syndrome

A child aged 3 - 18

(up to age 14)

ear of 45 decibels

after the transplant.

Effective January 1, 1995 all parents of handicapped children who fall into the

to sell the oil and buy the food.

oil-for-food deal with the UN.

tions and unemployment compensation requests registered some growth. Business-sector growth stood at 5.2%, while industrial growth reached 5.6%, and construc-

tion activity expanded by 4.8%. Gross per capita product rose 2% and reached \$16,900, after growing by 4% during each of the two preceding years.

On the down side, the trade deficit hit a

record \$10.7 billion, according to preliminary data, after reaching \$9.8b. during the previous year and \$7.9b. during 1994.

A Pakistani vendor parks his food stall, containing snacks and tea, in the sea at a Karachi beach

yesterday. It is not uncommon for stallholders to wade a few feet into the sea, because it gives them

an advantage in catching customers looking for something to eat or drink after they swim. (Reuter)

No New Year reprieve for Iraqis

Iraq started limited oil exports

three weeks ago. Under the pact,

Baghdad is allowed to sell \$2 bil-

lion worth of oil every six mooths

to huy food and medicine for the

Iraqi population, suffering from

stringent trade sanctions imposed

after Iraq's 1990 invasion of

Each Iraqi is currently entitled to 1.25 kg. of rice, 7 kg. of flour, 500

grams of sugar, 750 grams of cook-

ing oil, and 100 grams of tea every

food will arrive.

Officials have not said when the

the gap between imports and exports of goods and services, as well as unilateral transfers, reached \$4.6b., or 4.8% of gross domestic product, according to preliminary CBS estimates. Government expenses equalled 47% of gross domestic product.

The annual pace of import growth slowed to to 8% as opposed to 9% during the previous year and 12%-15% during the four preceding years. Direct defense-related imports, however, rose 17% after growing by 11% during 1995.

The public's savings continued to shrink, reaching 4% of available income, as opposed to 5% the previous year, and more than 11% in

### month's-end timing GALIT LIPKIS BECK

CONSIDERING the strike's coincidence with the month's end, the public stands to suffer considerable financial losses unless the labor upheaval comes to an end, bankers said vesterday.

Bank workers returned to work yesterday afternoon, following strikes in almost all branches in the morning. So far, bankers claim the strike has inconvenienced customers but has otherwise caused relatively little damage

Assuming the bank workers con-tinue to strike, employees will not be able to withdraw their wages or make end-of-the-month payments. Meanwhile, Ze'ev Abeles, supervisor of banks at the Bank of

Israel, instructed the banks not to calculate Monday as a business day. This means that Sunday's foreign currency representative rates will remain valid also for Monday. In addition, payment obligations which were due to be paid yester-

First International Bank branches were the first to open yesterday, three hours after the start of the strike. Several hours later, United Mizrahi Bank, Union Bank, and Mercantile Discount Bank branch-

remained closed all day. Traders expressed fears that if the strike continues, there is a risk that the last few weeks' positive atmosphere on the market will be reversed.

### Bankers: Strike's may be harmful

However, if the strike continues complications are expected to surface since it is coming both at the end of a month and a calendar

day, will be postponed to today.

es opened. The Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

### German shares up 28% in '96

### **CLIFFORD COONAN**

German stock exchange yesterday celebrated a record 1996, with the DAX-30 share index 28 percent above its level at the end of 1995 and share trading volume up 40.5 percent to DM 2,434 hillion.

month. These items are sold by the

Baghdad said that the Iraqi curren-

cy slipped slightly against the dol-

lar yesterday because there was no

increase in rations in the

announcement carried by newspa-

pers which asked retailers to col-

lect supplies of the rationed goods

from Trade Ministry warehouses

The dinar was trading at 1,200 to

the dollar, compared to 1,100 on

for distribution.

Traders and money dealers in

government at giveaway prices.

Dealers said share trading was boosted by low interest rates and successful flotation of Deutsche Telekom AG, Europe's biggest-ever initial public offering, in November.

Business was also good on the debt market and for futures and options. The Deutsche Telekom float

offered the opportunity to woo small investors away from their beloved bonds.

A greater interest in managed equity funds also belped ease the

shift from debt, long perceived to

FRANKFURT (Reuter) - The be relatively risk-free, to higherreturn but often riskier, equities, they said.

The husiest month of the year for shares was March, when turnover was around DM 286b. The Telekom flotation boosted stock exchange turnover in November, normally a quiet month, to DM 249.3h. from DM

136.2b. a year earlier. Deutsche Telekom, traded from November 18, was the most heavily traded stock in November, with DM 34.6b. of its shares changing

For the overall cash market, the busiest month was January, with total turnover of DM 967.5b., of which around DM 724b. came from debt. Overall turnover in the German bond market in 1996 was DM 6.550b.

### Livnat to Bezeq: Stop favoring own Internet service

### JUDY SIEGEL

COMMUNICATIONS Minister Limor Livnat yesterday ordered Bezen to stop funneling calls to its 135 Internet service in a way that gives its Internet provider an advantage over private providers.

Director-General Shlomo Waxe said that people who dial 135 to hook up to the Internet on a non-subscription

"A fax for you" All you want to know about your counts, on your tax, within 15 minutes 15 minutes B ISRAEL DISCOUNT BANK basis are to be allowed to chose a provider freely from a list, one of which is Bezegnet.

The users provided a special ID number. But since the service was introduced a few weeks ago, Bezen linked many of the callers directly to the Israel loternet Exchange (IIX), which routed the calls to Bezegnet at the expense of the other providers. After the private providers com-

plained to the ministry, technicians checked and found that they were justified, Waxe said, "Bezeq was not given permission to do this; it did this on its own," From now on, 135 service will continue, but without Bezeq's

unfair advantage, Waxe said. In discussions with the ministry, it was agreed that all private Internet providers would offer non-subscription services through 135, and that Bezequet would detach itself from direct links to

No comment was available from Bezeq due to yesterday's strike.

the IIX.

### **BUSINESS BRIEFS**

G7 economic policymakers to meet February 8:Finance ministers and central bank chiefs from the Group of Seven industrial nations will meet in Berlin on February 8, international monetary sources

The sources, who declined to be identified, described the meeting

The G7 - Britain, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan and the United States - traditionally meets early each year to take stock of the world economy, the currency markets and other issues of mutual

Turkey agrees gas purchases from Turkmenistan: Turkey will buy up to 8 billion cubic metres of natural gas annually from Turkmenistan from the year 2000, Turkish Energy Minister Recai

"All technical studies will be completed by February 15, according to the gas agreement signed with Turkmenistan," Kutan said in a

"Physical investments will begin by June, 1997 at the latest," he said, after arriving back from a four-day visit to Tehran, where he met Iranian Oil Minister Gholamreza Aghazadeh and Turkmen Deputy Prime Minister Batyr Sardjaev.

He said Turkmen gas would be transported to Turkey after Iran and Turkey completed sections of a pipeline from Tabriz to the eastern Turkish city of Erzurum as part of a giant gas deal signed between Ankara and Tehran in August.

Venezuela modifies foreign exchange band system: Venezuela's Central Bank said yesterday it would modify its current foreign exchange bands system by re-setting the central parity rate at 472

bolivars per dollar. As of January 2, that central parity rate will depreciate by 1.32 percent per month within trading bands set 7.5% either side of the core rate, the Central Bank said in a paid notice taken out in the national

"The sliding core rate should be taken as an indicator of the average exchange rate expected to prevail through the year. However-within the bands the exchange rate will reflect market conditions," the bank said.

When the bands system was first established in July, the Central Bank set the central rate at 470 bolivars per dollar with a monthly depreciation rate of 1.5%.

Albania to clamp down on tax evasion in 1997:Albania's Prime Minister Aleksander Meksi said yesterday the government would try to increase revenoes next year by launching a major drive against tax evasion, local news agency ATA reported. Meksi said in an interview that tax evasion was the main source of

the budget deficit. "There is a deficit in the realization of the revenues... (Taxes and revenues from customs) are the areas for which we are to work harder in the future," Meksi said, adding there would be no increase in

Albania's budget deficit in October was 10% of gross domestic product, according to latest figures from the the Central Bank of Meksi said Albania's economic growth had risen to 14% in 1996,

compared to 13.4% a year ago, and described this as a major achievement of his government. Swedish PM says EMU could lead to federation: As Euro scepticism grows in Sweden, Prime Minister Goran Persson has fuelled

form the European Union into a federation with uniform fiscal poli-In a column in the daily newspaper Svenska Dagbladet, Persson said that if fiscal policies became a union matter, the EU would become a federation, quite different from what was envisaged when

concern that Economic and Monetary Union (EMU) could trans-

Swedes voted to join. "The EU would be transformed to something completely different than the EU the Swedish people, after some agony and a long and trying debate, approved (in a November 1994 referendum)," Persson

He refrained from saying whether he was for or against EMU but urged a discussion on what monetary union would really mean.

Banc One to buy Liberty Bancorp: Banc One Corp. will acquire Liberty Bancorp Inc., another Midwestern bank holding company, for \$546 million in stock, the companies said yesterday.

Terms of the agreement call for Liberty shareholders to receive 1.175 shares of Banc One for each share of Liberty. In a statement, the companies said they expect the deal to close at

the end of the second quarter of 1997. Banc One's stock was down 37.5 cents at \$44.50 in early trading on the New York Stock Exchange, and Liberty was up \$8 at \$49.75 on Nasdaq. Banc One, based in Cleveland, operates 59 banks in 12 states stretching from West Virginia to Arizona and is the 10th largest bank

holding company in the nation. Liberty, based in Oklahoma City, operates 29 banking offices in Oklahoma City and Tulsa,

The acquisition will make Banc One the operator of the largest banking company in Oklahoma City and one of the top three banking companies in the state.

Apple CEO paid nearly \$3 million this year: Apple Computer Inc. paid Chairman and Chief Executive Gilbert Amelio nearly \$3 million in fiscal 1996, while outgoing Chief Executive Michael Spindler received a total of \$4.66 million. According to the company's annual proxy statement filed Friday with

the Securities and Exchange Commission, Amelio's compensation could rise substantially if he can turn the troubled computermaker around, reflecting the value of stock options and performance shares. If Apple stock rises 5% a year for the next five years, Apple said Amelio's option to buy 1 million shares of Apple stock would be worth \$16.5m. If the stock rises 10%, the options would be worth

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IN 1997, America's "in" crowd will socialize at

cocktail parties, spend vacations on cruises or at spas, dress with a retro-'50s look and send

Only those behind the times will listen to

country music or rap, camp out or go mountain

That's according to The American Forecaster Almanac 1997. Denver author

Kim Long's 14th annual compendium of trend

predictions. Long's predictions are based on

his perusal of newspapers, magazines, trade

journals, online databases, statistical data and

Men will slick back their hair and grow side-

burns, and goatees - a badge of grunge music devotees - will go mainstream. Two trends in

women's hairstyles will be big hair and short

Younger people, who rediscovered the marti-

ni in recent years, are leading the revival of the

cocktail party, the social centerpiece of the 1950s and 1960s, the Forecaster says.

FOR many computer owners.

1997 will be the year wheo

Internet users will begin to see

more features aimed at making the

Net more lifelike. But it is also

likely to be marked by frequent

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Predictions for the New Year

Cocktail parties, '50s look and

portions and bargains.
The US Postal Service will introduce certified e-mail in 1997, with a time and date stamp to verify delivery. Initial cost: 22 cents per

Country and rap music will lose ground, with rap sales continuing the slide that started in 1996, according to the Forecaster. In fashion, "Granny Glamour" will gain a firmer foothold as middle-age women begin showing off their figures. Also, a return to fem-

ininity may take hold, as laces, ruffles and bows become more popular. The Forecaster says the nerd look has become accepted fashion - from goofy glasses down to shapeless shoes, but without the pocket protector. Other nerdy accessories that are

catching on: shirts buttoned to the neck, mismatched, loud patterns and skin-tight pants and

Fewer people will camp out in 1997, a result to singles and consumers looking for smaller of Baby Boomers' waning enthusiasm for

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roughing it. Mountain biking, inline skating and windsurfing will also lose their appeal. Look for a boom in ocean cruises and new

interest in "wellness" vacations that emphasize weight loss and healthful relaxation, the Forecaster said.

Cuba will become a popular vacation destination as travel restrictions are relaxed and the communist country continues modernizing its hotels. And there appears to be no end in sight to Las Vegas's luster, the Forecaster said.

Also on the bot list for 1997: preautographed books, poetry, parking meters that accept credit cards, watches that transfer data to computers, snowshoeing, backyard golf and profes-

sional miniature golf. Long said he was proudest of his 1996 predictions about the decline of CD-ROM publishing and a trend among non-traditional pro-

fessions to adopt certification standards. But he fared about as well as economists in predicting the Dow Jones average - be was too low. His solution for 1997 was not to guess about the stock market. "No one can do it," he

Internet will offer new worlds, but more gridlock customer, comributor or even

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## **Eurobourses** gain, topping fine year

**WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP** 

LONDON (Reuter) - Key European stock markets advanced yesterday, with London hitting a oew high, while Wall Street, following up a record close on Friday, made further progress in early New York business.

A quiet day is expected today with Japan and some European centers, including Germany, on holiday.

Freezing winter weather, meanwhile, sent oil prices surging. London February futures for market benchmark North Sea Brent Blend crude jumped 55 cents to a high of \$23.97 a barrel before edging back to \$23.77 by late after-

Strength in the dollar - good news for German exporters :helped boost the Frankfurt bourse almost 1.3 percent on its final session of 1996 to score a gain for the year as a whole of just over 28%.

Wall Street's buoyancy, together with higher futures and bonds and takeover speculation, prompted the Londoo stock market, Europe's busiest, to move up into uncharted territory.

The FTSE 100 index of leading British shares ended 24.7 points higher at 4,115.7, its highest ever intraday and closing level. It finished 1995 at what was then a record 3,689.3 close.

Speculation that British another group boosted its shares by 50 pence, or more than 4%, to a record £12.75. Shares in British retailers also gained as investors baped stores would report bumper Christmas sales.

The Paris bourse, which like London will be open for a final 1996 sessioo today, also moved ahead to show a gain on the year of almost 23.9%. French shares took their cue for a rise from Wall Street, a stronger franc and higher

The CAC-40 share index ended up 11.68 at 2,318.63. It closed last year at 1,980.68.

In Frankfurt the 30-share DAX index eoded floor trade at 2,888.69 points, up 35.81 points or 1.26% and only just over 20 points below its record closing level. It eased a little to finish later electronic trade at 2,880.07.

But while many other major stock markets have hit new highs m 1996, Tokyo ended its final trading day of the year at just half its record level of seven years ago.

The Nikkei average closed at 19,361.35, down 7.69 points on the day and around 500 below its 1995 close.

Concern about the weakness of the Japanese economy and its sagging stocks put more pressure on the yen, with movements exaggerated by the thin end-of-year mar-Aerospace would merge with kets, dealers said.

### Late profit-taking sends Dow lower

WALL STREET REPORT

NEW YORK (AP) - Stocks pulled lower near the close yesterday as investors tinkered with their portfolios before the year's end, secur-

modest rally. On Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrial average closed down 11.54 points at 6.549.37. after holding a gain of about 20 points

just 15 minutes before the close. Broader-market indexes also slid into the close, crasing gains that would have given some measures their first record highs in a month.

Stocks drew some early support from the bond market, where prices rose and interest rates fell as the dollar improved in currency

But the advance in the Treasury market was muffled by some potentially inflationary indications

in the day's economic news.

The National Association of Realtors reported that sales of existing bomes unexpectedly rose 1.8 percent in November, the first increase in six mooths, as mortgage rates continued to fall. Many analysts had expected the tally to

dip last month. The prospect of growing demand for houses and home furnishings spurred some concerns about inflation, which hurts fixed-income investments such as bonds.

Earlier, the Confetence Board research group reported that its gauge of future economic glowing increased 0.1% in November. It was the 10th straight month withont a drop in the Index of Leading Economic Indicators and the latest piece of evidence pointing to moderate growth.

Technology beliwethers remained under pressure. In Nasdaq trading, Sun Microsystems, Intel and Dell Computer slipped. On the NYSE, IBM was one of the Dow's weakest issues, and Compaq Computer fell. The Dow's strongest issues were

Bocing and Alcoa. Advancing issues outnumbered decliners by more than a 5-to-4 margin on the New York Stock Exchange, with 1,406 up. 1,106 down and 842 unchanged.

NYSE volume totaled 339.01 million shares as of 4 p.m., vs. 252.48 million in the previous session.

The Standard and Poor's 500stock index fell 2.94 to 753.85. and the NYSE's composite index

### **Bundesbank president:** EMU to reduce economic independence

FRANKFURT (Reuter) Bundesbank President Hans Tietmeyer has stepped into a row over the future European single currency by saying it would clearly reduce the financial and economic independence of those countries involved.

Tiermeyer, in an article to be published in Germany's Handelsblatt newspaper today. said economic and monetary union (EMU) due in 1999 would demand a "high degree of lasting common interest" among all of the participants.

It would be wishful thinking to believe that within currency union the independence of the member countries...can be fully retained in economic and financial policies," he said in a copy of the article released before publication.

Tiermeyer's comments came after German Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel had earlier enraged British politicians by warning Britain that it must decide whether it wanted closer integration within

Europe or not. Kinkel had used a New Year message to tell Britain it occided to reach "a clear decision" on its European policy. "Britain belongs to Europe, Europe needs Britain."

he added. emment has not yet made up its mind on whether it wants to join EMU in 1999, and the issue is becoming increasingly sensiove

John Major's Conservative govas the country gears up for a general election due by next May.

denied that the comments were an

attempt to influence the internal affairs of another country, saying the statement was intended as an

expression of goodwill. Unease about the potential impact of EMU on the national policies of individual countries had earlier been expressed by Swedish Prime Minister Goran Persson, who warned that the future European Central Bank might become too powerful.

The common, strong and independent central bank that will handle the common monetary policy on its own might lack a counterbalancing force in European fiscal policies," he wrote in an editorial article for a Swedish newspaper.

Persson said that while Sweden would be able to join EMU if it wanted, the power of such central authorities could mean that European Union would be transformed into something quite different from that which the Swedes

voted to join in 1994. But the Bundesbank's Tiermeyer stressed in his article that the arrival of the Euro would make it more important for countries to

attune their internal policies to those in the wider currency union. "In particular, fiscal and wage policies must (as a result) be fitted to the demands of currency union

and, what's more, over the longrun," he said. Isolated reactions by EMUmember countries to external events - such as the oil crisis of the 1970s -- could run in conflict

to wider Enropean monetary poli-

cy, he said.

tech firms for nearly a day.

Experts such as Metcalfe predict "I wrote a year ago about a colsimilar types of outages next year lapse, but it's really collapses, getas telecommunications companies and Internet providers struggle to ting more frequent, deeper and longer," said Robert Metcalfe, the keep up with demand. inventor of the Ethernet computer Still. Web surfers are also likely oetworking technology and to see many new features in 1997, founder of 3Com Corp who is now from advanced graphics to slick ways to communicate with each vice president of technology at International Data Group, of other using animated characters in virtual chat rooms and high-tech Boston, Massachusetts. Metcalfe said the coogestion games. that causes many people to call Dozens of companies, including the World Wide Web the "World the Germany-based Black Sun Interactive which recently opened Wide Wait" is only one of many problems that can prompt it to an operation in San Francisco, have been developing new virtual worlds based on a technology Major outages have been caused by such seemingly minor events as

called Virtual Reality Modelling a rodent chewing a power cable or Language (VRML). an ampersand typed in the wrong The technology, pronounced "ver-mul," enables creators of multi-player computer games, for example, to design lifelike characters and three-dimensional settings that will exploit new 3-D computer chip designs and speeded-up microprocessors with added

multimedia features due next year.

In October, a failure at Internet

service provider BBN Corp's

Stanford University Internet facil-

ity cut off access for 400 top high

New capabilities include interactive, three-dimensional fly-over cities created by the startup Bigbook, which allows users to swoop down on a building and click on it with a mouse to see who the occupants are. But as the Net becomes more

lifelike, the prospects for a showdown between regulators and freespeech advocates over the issue of. online pornography is likely to

mcrease. In October, the US Federal Bureau of Investigation said it was investigating an electronic mail message sent to thousands of Internet users offering child

pornography for sale. The question of whether to regulate the content of the Internet, both within a country's borders and internationally, comes as officials in Washington are pressing for reductions in sexual and vio-

lent content in film and television. One solution offered by some software firms is a device like television's V-chip, which allows parents to restrict access to certain programs.

Next year will also see new electronic communities in which people can participate as consumer,

Although 1997 will oot be the

Michael Parekh, Internet analyst at Goldman Sachs, expects companies to continue using Internet technology both in internal networks, known as Intranets, and to create what are known as

suppliers.

In the US, only about one third

of the country's 97 million households have a personal computer, and just 11 perceot of US housebolds are estimated to have the modern devices necessary to link them to the Internet.

a battle over standards will slow

Faster, 56-kilobit modems are due next year, but analysts expect

year people rush out to do all their shopping on line, it will be a critical year for deploying the technologies that will make electronic commerce widely available in 1998 and 1999, according to ana-

Extranets, to reach customers and

The big thing for 1997 is going to be the way users think of the Web goes from a pull paradigm to a push paradigm," he said, refer-ring to the goal of being able to send data to individuals rather than waiting for them to seek it.

A spokesman for Kinkel later

### **England** Test rained out, sides draw

HARARE, Zimbabwe (AP) -The second and last cricket Test between Zimhahwe and England was called off yesterday two hours before play was due to resume on the fifth and final day.

Heavy overnight rain had swamped the edge of the playing square and it proved impossible for ground staff to carry out mopping up operations in time for any prospect of a result.

A victory for either side was onlikely in any event and by general coosent hetween the umpires and the two captains, Alistair Campbell and Mike Atherton, the match was abandozied.

England had an effective lead of 136 overnight, having reached 195-3, with Alec Stewart on 101 and Graham Thorpe on 50. It was Stewart's

ninth Test century.

They constructed a 106 runs partnership for the fourth wicket following the loss of Atherton, Nick Knight and Nasser Hussain, and put England in a command of events.

With one day left, Atherton would have expected to declare at some stage, leaving Zimhahwe a near impossible target, but with enough time to get them out if they collapsed. However, the rain storms.

time of year, prevented any such plan being put into effect. The moral victory, following two drawn Tests, helongs to

prevalent in Zimbabwe at this

It needed only one more run before time ran out in Bulawayo before Christmas and had to settled for a draw with scores level - the first time in 119 years of

Test cricket. In Harare, given full playing time, the team would have had the luxury of setting Zimbabwe a large second innings target. But nine-and-half-hours play was lost altogether and so

Zimbabwe .was let off the hook. This was the first series between Zimhahwe and England, the youngest and the oldest of Test nations.

Before England continues its overseas tour to New Zealand at the end of the week it plays two against Zimbahwe, having lost the first of the series of three in Bulawayo hy two wickets.

Atherton said after the abandoned match that be expected England fast bowler Dominic Cork to join the squad in New Zealand to beef np the attack, having sorted ont domestic problems in England.

Concerning his own poor form in Zimbabwe, he said, "I have had worse spells than this and expect to come out of it soon."

England first innings 156 (G.Whittail 4-18, H.Streak 4-43) Zimbabwe first innings 215 (G.Flower 73; D.Gough 4-40) England second innings (overnight 195-3) N.Knight c Campbell b Strang M.Atherton c Campbell b Streak A.Stewart not out N.Hussain c Houghton b Strang G.Thome not out G. Frorpe not out 50
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Total (for three wickets, 93 overs 195
Fall of wickets: 1-7 2-75 3-89.
Bowling: Streak 18-5-47-1, Brandes 21-8-45-0 (w1), Olonga 7-0-31-0 (nb1), Whittall 14-6-16-0, Sbang 26-6-42-2, G.Flower 7-2-9-0, Results Match draws



OUTSTANDING ATHLETE - The loudest cheers at last night's ceremony in Tel Aviv for the outstanding sportspeople of 1996 went to Olympic bronze medalist windsurfer Gal Friedman, seen here receiving an award from Deputy Minister of Education, Culture and Sport Moshe Peled. Friedman, together with his coach Gur Steinberg and fitness coach Omrit Yanilov, received a bronze Olympic pin, trophies and a cash bonus. Hosted by the Ministry of Education, Culture and Sport, the ceremony honored athletes who excelled in international events. Among the other athletes honored were Yael Arad (judo), Gocha Chichiashvili (wrestling), Yoav Bruck, Vadim Alexev, Dan Kutler and Eytan Orbach (swimming), Lydia Hatoel Zuckerman (fencing), Dani Krasnov (track) and Paralympic athletes Isak Cohen, Ze'ev Bitar (swimming), Yitzhak Baranes and Tami Carmeli (bowls), Nahman Wolf (track) and Doron Shaziri (shooting). (Sarit Uziely, Text: Heather Chait)

### Clark promises Manchester City 'happy new year'

LONDON (Reuter) - New Mancbester City manager Frank Clark said yesterday it was the tremendous support from the club's fans that had persuaded him to join the struggling English First Division side.

Clark, who resigned as manager of Nottingham Forest, currently bottom of the Premier League. only 11 days ago, promised to give City's long-suffering fans "something to shoot and smile about in the New Year."

City has slumped to fourth from bottom in the First Division after being relegated last season but Clark is undeterred by the club's

"I have two aims," said Clark. "One to stabilize the elub and the second to get it back in the

Premier League.
"Manchester City is a club with a great tradition and enormous potential. It needs a hit of help. "I looked at the crowd for the

last home game against Port Vale. It was 30,000 plus and there were also 6,000 travelling supporters at Barnsley. That's the sort of support that will enable the eluh to go somewhere and I hope to help Manchester City to do just that.

"It's amazing, they've had a traumatic season after relegation last year and the team is currently fourth bottom of the First Division and yet 30,000 turn up. It's absolutely fantastic and that's the one of the things that attracted me

to the club." It is not a new situation for Clark He replaced Brian Clough at Nottingham Forest when the team was relegated in 1993 and took it straight back into the ton

flight.
"I had no second thoughts about joining Manchester City, said

"It was a very big disappointment for me to leave Forest. But when I got the eall from City 1 knew what I was going to do. 1 have spoken to the chairman Francis Lee several times and I am quite excited by what I have

"There'll be money to spend and that's ohviously a big help," he said. "I will be assessing the playing staff as quickly as possible." One immediate casualty was former City captain and manager Tony Book who was shown the door, ending a 30-year association with the club. Caretaker manager Phil Neal resigned on Sunday.

### Injury-ridden Canadiens edge Panthers, 2-1

MIAMI (Reuter) - Vincent Damphousse scored both Montreal goals and Jocelyn Thibault made 29 saves as the undermanned Canadiens edged the Florida Panthers 2-1 to end a seven-game winless streak Sunday.

Damphousse's power-play goal 35 seconds into the third period was the game-winner for the Canadiens, who played without injured regulars Saku Koivu. Stephane Quintal, Vladimir Malakhov, Marc Bureau, Shayne Corson, Martin Rucinsky and Valeri Bure.

"This was like a playoff game," said Canadiens coach Mario Tremblay. "I don't think too many people gave us much of a chance tonight against the Panthers with all of our injuries."

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The Canadiens gained a 5 on 3
advantage with 1:04 left in the second period wheo Florida's Martin Straka was penalized for holding and teammate Ed Jovanovski was sent off for

unsportsmanlike conduct. Montreal was still up two meo hen Mark Recchi passed from the right faceoff circle to Brian Savage at the side of the net. Savage flicked the puck in front and Damphousse scored from the low slot, beating goaltender Mark Fitzgerald to the sock side.

"It came when we really needed it," Damphousse said. "We had a minute left on the 5-on-3 eoming into the third period and we dis-cussed where I would be. I was high in the slot, they couldn't get me out of there, and they created a shot for me.

"For us, this was like a playoff game. We have to battle for every point we get. When you have a game like this, with all the injuries, it's buge. We really need-

ed this game." Thibault stopped all 20 shots over the final two periods and got help from his defense, which gave an assist for the Flyers, 11-0-2 in the Panthers few rebound opportutheir last 13 games. Rookie nities. Thibault had been in the nets for all seven games during the

winless streak.

"This was the higgest win we've had so far this season," he said. Tonight was a real confidencebuilder. I've never seen so many tough injuries. We had to concentrate more defensively and tighten up. I'm really surprised with the way our young guys stepped

Scott Mellanby scored the lone goal for Florida, which had its five-game home unbeaten streak snapped. The Panthers are 4-6-3 since opening the season 16-3-6.

Avalanche 3, Stars 2 Christian Matte had his first NHL goal and assist as Colorado ended the unbeaten road streak of Dallas in a meeting of Western Conference leaders.

Uwe Krupp and Eric Lacroix added goals for the Pacific Division leaders. Colorado has the best home-ice record (13-4-3). Central pacesetter Dallas has league's best road record (12-5-1). Mike Modano had his 15th goal for the Stars, who came within a game of matching the franchise road unbeaten streak of eight. Bill Huard got the other goal for the

Colorado's Rene Corbet took the puck from defeosemen Grant Ledyard behind the Dallas pet and fed Lacroix in froot. Arturs Irbe stopped Lacroix, but Matte got the rebound and flipped it in at 10:37 of the first period.

Flyers 4, Flames 2 John LeClair scored twice and Ron Hextall made 26 saves to help the Philadelphia Flyers extend their unbeaten streak to 13 games. The unbeateo streak is the longest in the NHL this season, bettering Florida's 8-0-4 mark to

start the season. Dale Hawerchuk had a goal and Dainius Zubrus had the Flyers'

other goal. The victory moved Philadelphia into a first-place tie with Florida in

the Atlantic Division. Erie Lindros assisted on Hawerchuk's second-period goal to extend his points streak to 13 games. He has nine goals and 12

assists in that span. Tommy Albelin and Sandy McCarthy scored for the Flames, wbo are 1-4-1 in their last six con-

Blackhawks 4, Whalers 3 Alexei Zhamnov scored the game-winning goal with 5:26 remaining as the Blackhawks erupted for three third-period

Geoff Sanderson and Nelson Emerson scored in the second period to give the Whalers a 3-1 lead. But James Black and Chris Chelios scored goals 89 seconds apart to be it for the Blackhawks. Jeff Hackett made 24 saves for the Blackhawks, who eoded a six-

game winless streak.

Jim Campbell scored twice and had an assist and Grant Fuhr stopped 32 shots.

Defenseman Ricard Persson had a power-play goal and an assist for the Blues, who won despite being outshot 34-17. St. Louis improved to 2-1-1 in its last four games and is 2-3-1 since Jimmy Roberts took over as head coach for the

fired Mike Keenan. Jon Robloff scored his first two goals of the season for the Bruins, who are winless in their last three games (0-2-1).

SUNDAY'S RESULTS: Philadelphia 4, Calgary 2 Montreal 2, Florida 1 St. Louis 4, Boston 2 Chicago 4, Hartford 3 San Jose at Vancouver, ppd. snow



Colorado's Christian Matte scores a goal against Dallas goalie Arturs Irbe.

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### **Iowa crushes Texas Tech in Alamo Bowl**

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - Sedrick Shaw rushed for 113 yards and npstaged Texas Tech's Byron Hanspard as No. 21 Iowa shut out the Red Raiders 27-0 Sunday night in the Alamo Bowl.

Shaw, Iowa's career rushing leader, carried 20 times in surpassing his season average of 91 yards per game. Hanspard, a 2,000-yard rusher, carried 18 times for 64 yards, falling far short of his 190-yard season average.

The Hawkeyes have faced eight of the nation's top 20 rushers this season, and only Northwestern's Darnell Antry managed to reach his season average. The Hawkeyes (9-3) finished their thrashing of the Red Raiders (7-5) with a 14-yard touchdown run hy Rodney Filer with 2:09 left, capping a 99-yard

drive. It was the first shutout of Texas Tech since a 31-0 loss to Arkansas in 1987.

Hanspard, the Doak Walker Award winner, was kept in check by a Hawkeye defense that shut out two of its last three opponents.

Hanspard, a junior, was expected to announce yesterday whether he will make himself eligible for the NFL draft.

### AP's top 25 college basketball teams:

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Wake Forest (9-0) did not play.

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#### CLASSICAL MUSIC

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THE Musica Nova Ensemble celebrates the new year with a program of Kurt Weill cabaret songs per-formed by soprano Michal Shamir and arranged by Moshe Zorman. The Musica Nova Ensemble, under the baton of Yaron Gottfried, also performs works by Rachel Galin and Andres Nielsen. Tonight (8:30) at the Tel Aviv Museum.

THE International Symphony Orchestra, comprising young musicians from all over the world who spent the last few weeks practicing in tandem in Israel, performs tonight (8:30) at the Sherover Theater in Jerusalem under the baton of Aldo Ceccato. The program comprises the Academic Overture, the Second Symphony and the Double Concerto for Violin and Cello by Brahms, and is repeated Saturday at the Jerusalem International Convention Center. Thursday at the Sherover Theater, the orchestra performs Prokofiev's Fifth Symphony and the Brahms Schoenberg.



Greta Scacchi stars in Douglas McGrath's adaptation of Piano Quartet orchestrated by Jane Austen's 'Emma' - one of the best films of the year.

#### THEATER

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#### FILM

#### ADINA HOFFMAN.

\*\*\* EMMA - Against formidable odds, Douglas McGrath has managed to create yet another delightful and intelligent cinematic rendition of a Jane Austen novel. And he's done, it with his own gentle, comedic touch, infusing punch and spirit to the prim early 19th-century courtship rituals described in the book. His approach to the material is playful, at once theatrical and rather breathless in its forward march, much like the heroine herself. Played splendidly by Gwyneth

Paltrow, this Emma Woodhouse fills the screen with such a complex blend of snooty petulance and bumbling good will that we can't help but be enchanted. Also with Toni Collette and Jeremy Northam. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Parental guidance suggested.)

#### **TELEVISION**

#### ELANA CHIPMAN

BLITZ on Cartoons is a series teaching how to draw cartoons and comics. In this week's episode guest John Colin Murphy demonstrates his work. ETV 2, 6:30 p.m.

ON a more serious note, Urmatural Selection is an examination of the advances in technology of artificial insemination in Israel today and of the moral dilemmas these advances bring along. The entire concept of parenthood stands to be changed: A child could have more than one father or mother, a woman could give birth at the age of 70. These questions are presented through four personal stories and a panel discussion will follow. Channel 1, 10 p.m.



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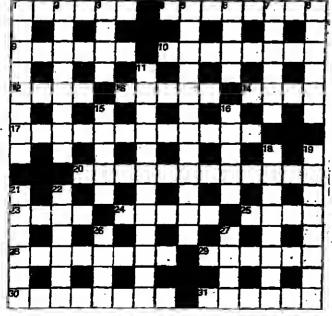
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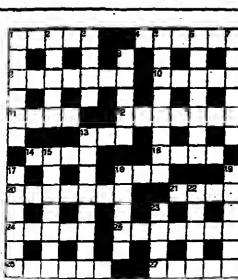
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Family 20:00 News 20:50 Lotto results
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#### E MIDDLE EAST TV

7:00 Quantum Shopping 8:00 TV Shop 14:30 700 Club 15:00 Larry King 10:00 Hunter 18:55 Family Challenge 17:45 Family Matters 18:10 Saved by the Bell 18:35 Day and Date 19:30 World News Toright (Arabic) 20:00 American Football 23:00 CNN 23:30 The 700 Club 00:00 TV Shop 2:00 Quantum Shopping 3:00 TV Shop

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#### # ITV 3 (33)

19:00 Cartoons 16:30 Yasin and Bahaya 17:15 From Day to Day 18:00 Amores 19:00 News in Arabic 19:30 Video Clips 20:00 News 20:45 Rumpole of the Balley 21:40 Showcase 22:15 Cinema magazine 23:15 The Mayor of Casterbridge – miniseries based on Thomas Hardy's classic novel. Part 7

#### ■ ETV 2 (23)

15:30 Wonder Years 16:00 Mathematics for Bagnut 17:00 Mathematics in Daily Life 17:35 Bush Tucker 18:00 Family Album 18:30 Biftz on Carloons 19:00 Moses in Jewish Tradition 19:30 Family Ties 20:00 A New Everting 20:30 Welcome to France 21:00 Star Trels: The Next Generation 21:45 Pop Songs 22:00 Movie Magic 22:30 Rafi Lavi – documentary about the Israeli artist 23:30 Shalespearean Theater

#### FAMILY CHANNEL (3)

8:00 Sisters (rpt) 9:00 One Life to Live (rpt) 9:45 The Young and the Restless (rpt) 10:30 Days of Our Lives (rpt) 11:20 Perla Negra (rpt) 12:10 Neighbors (rpt) 12:35 Dallas (rpt) 13:30 Starting at 1:30 14:10 Rosie O'Neill 15:00 Sisters 15:50 Days of Our Lives 19:40 Neighbors 17:10 Dallas 18:00 One Life to Live 18:45 The Young and the Restless 19:30 Local broadcast 20:00 Dreams of Youth - original Israeli drama series tollowing the hopes, loves and disappointments of a group of Israeli high-school students 20:30 Seeing Stars 20:50 Beverly Hills 90210 21:40 The Death of a Disco Dancer (1995) - suspense comedy starring Shlomo Bar-Abba about e murder mystery story sent to a radio DJ 22:30 The Commish 23:20 Dan Toren in Concent 00:10 Night Stand with Dick Dietrick 00:35 Silk Stalldings 1:25 North of 60

#### MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

11:30 Enchanted April (npt) 13:05 Raga of Paris (1938) – comedy with Douglas Fairbanks about hustiers in Paris (npt) 14:20 New in the Cinema 14:35 Don't 14:20 New in the Cinema 14:35 Don't Tell Her It's Me (1989) (mt) 16:20 The Return (1980) (m) 17:50 The Wizard of Loneliness (1988) (mt) 16:40 Film '96 (mt) 20:30 The Water Engine (1992) – written by David Mamet, this movie explores what happens when an auto worker Invents an engine that runs on water alone. The car industry would for the to exchange a clubar crime for a hostage and falls into a trap. (94 mins.) 23:40 The Keeper (1995) (pt) 1:10 Warm Nights on e Slow Moving Train (1989) – e schoolteacher spends many of her nights as a prostitute on a train in order to support her morphine-addicted brother (86 mins.)

#### 2:40 Homicide (1991) (rpt)

#### CHILDREN (6)

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11:35 Little University 12:00 Shesh-Tus
12:30 Hugo 13:00 Surprise Garden
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Hugo 18:30 Looney Toons and Inspector
Gadget 19:00 The Children From Oz
19:15 Rocko's Modern Life and Ren 2
Stimpy 19:25 Three's Company 20:25
Married with Children 20:50 Roseanne
21:15 Lois and Clark

#### ■ SECOND SHOWING (6)

22:00 La Condanna (italian, 1991) – a girl who is locked in a museum spends the night with a stranger, in the morning she finds out that he has a key and decides to sue him for rape (87 mins.) 22:30 Branches de farbre (Indian, 1990) – a midthe-aced by times men has a e middle-aged business man has e heart attack and calls in his entire family in order to retierate the traditional values they were raised on (119 mins.)

#### F DISCOVERY (8)

6:00 Open University - Hitler's War;
World War I, part 1 12:00 Great Palaces
- Escorial Palace, Spain (rpt) 12:30 Fork
in the Road - Greece 19:00 Apatha's
Curse - breast cancer (rpt) 14:00 Open
University (rpt) 16:00 Great Palaces (rpt)
18:30 Fork in the Road (rpt) 17:00
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Suburbia, part 1 - why do people leave
the stimulation of city life for the suburbs?
20:30 Paleoworld: Carnosaurs - one of
the largest and most lethal dinosaur carrivorse 21:00 National Geographic
Explorer 22:00 Voltairs, 1694-1778 - part
2 23:00 Heaven, Hell and Suburbia, part
I (rpt) 23:30 Paleoworld (rpt) 00:00 Open
University (rpt)

#### I SUPER CHANNEL

9:00 The Selina Scott Show 7:00 The Ticket 7:30 NBC News with Torn Brokaw 8:00 Today 10:00 Wall Street Morning Reports 11:00 European Money Wheel 15:30 Wall Street Morning Reports 17:00 MSNBC - The Site 18:00 National Geographic 19:00 Cooking magazine 19:30 The Ticket 20:00 The Selina Scott Show 21:00 Dateline 22:00 NCAA besketball 23:00 The Tonight Show with Jay Leno 00:00 Late Night with Conan O'Brien 1:00 Later with Grag Kinnear 1:30 NBC News with Jay Leno 3:00 MSNBC Interright

#### STAR PLUS

6:00 Yan Can Cook 6:30 El TV 7:00 Kate and Allie 7:30 Oprah Winfrey 8:30 The X-Files 9:30 Santa Barbera 10:30 The Bold and the Beautiful 11:00 Khandaan 11:30 Imitiaan 12:00 Hone and Away 12:30 Lost in Space 13:30 Black Stallion 14:00 Kate and Allie 14:30 Yan Can Cook 15:00 Cyberworld 15:30 Star News in Hindi 16:00 Small Wonder 16:30 The Bold and the Beautiful 17:00 Hindi program 17:30 Star News 18:00 New Year's Magic: Penn & Teller 19:00 Air Supoly Live in 1997 21:00 Baywatch 22:00 Dynasty 23:00 Quincy 90:00 Oprah Winfrey 1:00 Barnaby Jones 2:00 Home and Away 2:30 The Suffivans

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6:30 Bodies in Motion 18:00 Bodies in Motion 16:30 Roundup of the year in Israeli basketball (rpt) 17:30 English Legue Soccer 18:30 National Legue Horstoff in Hancel (Britisms the social Rehovot 20:00 Roundup of the year In. Israel soccer (Int) 21:00 South American Soccer 2:00 Roundup of the year in spots: The Atlanta Olympics (Int) 23:00 NFL play-

### **■ EURÖSPORT**

9:30 Olympic Games 10:00 Soccer: World Cup qualifying matches 11:00 Tennis 13:00 Soccer: Goals 14:00

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#### PRIME SPORTS

5:30 Trans World Sport 9:30 Hi 5 III
7:00 Asia Sport Show 7:30
Risa Sport Show 7:30
Risan Soccer Show 9:30 Cricket: India
Tour of South Africa 10:30 World Cup
of Golf 11:30 Best of World Superbike
Championships 12:30 Equestrian:
Castrol 1000 Guineas 13:00 City Jump
Contest 13:30 World Windsurfing 14:00
Spanish League Soccer 14:30 Tennis:
Greatest Grand Starn Matches of 1996
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Championship, Matayaia 17:30 Cricket:
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Soccer: Asian Club Championship 3:30
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of 1996 (pt)

#### BBC WORLD

News on the hour 6:05 Panorame (rpt) 10:15 Panorame (rpt) 11:30 Tomorrow's World (rpt) 14:15 The Money Programme 15:15 World Business Report 15:30 Asia-Pacific Newshour 16:30 Holiday 17:15 Panorama (rpt) 18:30 Top Gear (rpt) 19:30 Film 96: Best British Films of Christmas Special 00:00 World Business Report 2:10 World Review 1996

#### III CAN INTERNATIONAL

News throughout the day 8:30 Investigative Report 7:30 Inside Politics 8:30 Moneyline (rpl) 9:30 World Sport 10:30 Showbiz Today 11:30 CNN Newsroom 12:30 World Report 13:30 CNN American Edition 13:45 Q & A 14:00 Asian News 14:30 World Sport 15:00 Asian News 15:30 Business Asia 18:00 Larry King Live (rpl) 17:30 World Sport (rpl) 18:30 Earth Methers 19:30 Q & A Special 21:00 World Business Today 21:30 CNN World Sport (spl) 12:30 European News 22:00 Larry King (rpl) 23:00 European News 23:30 Investigative Report 00:00 World Business Today 00:30 World Sport 2:30 Moneyline 3:00 Headline News

#### RADIO

W VOICE OF MUSIC 6:06 Morning Concert 9:05 Haydro: Thereslenmesse (soloists/Collegium Musicum '90Hickox); Schubert: String quintet in C D956 (Raphael Ens); Mozart: Piano concerto no 17 (Steier, harmerktavier/Cologne Concerto); Tchaikovsky: Symphony no 4 (Intil SO/Maazel) 12:00 Light Classical — The Hungarian Connection. Berlioz: Hakoczy March; Haydro: Hungarian Rondo; Liezt: Hungarian Rondo; Carlie Davis, last movement of Symphony no 4 (Vienna PO/Abbado); Canteloube: Songo of the Auvergne (Royal SO/Almeida) 14:06 Folk music — American Dream 15:00 From the Recording Studio — Jesus Echeverria de Miguel (clarinet), Inbal Alexandron (plano). Horowitz: Sonatina for clarinet and plano; Penderecki: 3 Miniatures; Arnold: Sonatina; Martiou: Sonatina; Berrstein: Sonatina; Martiou: Sonatina; Berrstein: Sonatina; de foo Ear on movement for clarinet solo 16:00 Ear on Miniatures: Arnoki: Sonatina; Martinur Sonatina; Bernstein: Sonatina; Echeverriec movement for clarinet solo 16:00 Ear on the Pulse - CDs of the year 18:00 New CDs - J.H. Schmelzer: The Cuckoo -- sonate; Bechi: Toccata-and-Fugue in Foseware; Bechi: Toccata-and-Fugue in Foseware; Briano sonata no 3 op 5 20:05 Live broadcast from Sherover Hall, Jerusalemt - International Orchestra cond. Aldo Ceccato, Marco Ricci (violin), Enrico Divero (cello). Works by Bratins: Academic Festival Overture; Double concerto for violin, cello and orch; Symphony no 2 22:00 A Musical Journey

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### Weizman gets red carpet treatment in India

**BATSHEVA TSUR** NEW DELHI

TO the sound of a 21-gun salute. President Ezer Weizman and his wife Reuma drove into the vast courtyard of the presidential palace in New Delhi yesterday moming for their official welcome to India.

It was done with pomp and ceremony and much warmth.

Outside the mammoth reo and yellow sandstone palace, which has 370 rooms and stands on 330 acres, President Shankar Dayal Sharma was waiting to greet him. The president's personal bodyguards - all six feet tall. Sikhs wearing red and gold uniforms with purple turbans - lined their horses neatly, while the guests sat shaded by canopies on leather chairs below which soft carpets had been laid.

A band of monkeys roamed wild on the sprawling rooftop of the

Prime Minister H. D. Deve Gowda, dressed in the northern Indian white kurta with a brown shawl, headed the list of cabinet ministers and other dignitaries on hand.

Across the gigantic courtyard, the strains of the two countries' national anthems wafted. Walking down the red carpet, Weizman inspected an honor guard of army, navy and air force officers, then turned to shake hands with the crowd invited to

It was around 10 a.m. when the presidential motorcade left through the magnificent Moghul Gardens with ornate fountains and drove down the hill to the Raj Path, lined with Israeli and Indian flags.

The entire route was cordoned off and hundreds of thousands of New Delhi residents caught in the morning rush-hour waited patiently for the presidential entourage to pass. After a brief stop at India Gate - the memorial to 90,000 Indian soldiers who fell in World War I - Weizman drove to Gandhi's grave, Raj Ghat, overlooking the holy Yamuna river.

In stockinged feet, the Weizmans and their entourage silently made their way to the flower-bedecked grave. Weizman laid a simple white wreath to the sound of devotional music.

But not all of the day was devoted to ceremony. Following talks between Weizman and Forcign Minister I. K. Gujral and, then, with the prime minister, four agreements for bilateral cooperation were signed.

"This is an historic visit," Gowda said, as Israel's ambassador Yehoyada Haim and Indian ministers signed agreements for technical, industrial, cultural and educational, and agricultural cooperation.

We appreciate the importance of India, now more than ever... Our countries have much to share," Weizman declared.

Later, at a luncheon he hosted in Weizman's honor, Gowda again stressed the importance of strengthening bilateral relations and praised Israel's technological

Yesterday's talks reportedly covered a wide range of bilateral and international issues. In the technology sphere, it was agreed that India would send computer-science experts to help cover the current shortage in Israel.

During discussions on the peace process. Gujral is believed to have made known India's dissatisfacnon over the delays in concluding a Hebron redeployment.

Weizman also apparently ran into hitches with regard to six young Israelis held on drug charges in India. The Indian prime minister explained that, despite India's warm feelings toward Israel, he was bound by law and could not simply ask his president to pardon the Israelis. Any foreigner caught with more than 5 grams of marijuana is considered a drug trafficker and receives a mandatory 10 year sentence, he explained.

This is not an easy matter." Weizman said, later. "The youngsters were in the wrong."

But, on a personal note, it was all smiles. This is a homecoming" for the Israeli president, said India's protocol head, M. Venkataramam. And, at the luncheon, the prime minister took pains to wish Weizman a pleasant return to Bangalore, where he was a British Royal Air Force pilot more than 50 years ago.

The media again gave prominent coverage to the visit yesterday, with *The Pioneer*, a leading paper, heading its editorial: "Shalom, Mr. President."

Weizman taken ill during dinner

PRESIDENT Ezer Weizman was taken suddenly ill late last

night during a state banquet bosted in his honor on the first day of his visit to New Delhi by Indian President Shankar

The president started vomiting and received immediate

Weizman later returned to the banquet table in the presiden-

deal at "Tover

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attention from his personal physician, Prof. Avi Rifkind. The

tial palace and sat through the end of the meal. He then went



President Ezer Weizman (left) shakes hands with Indian Prime Minister H. D. Deve Gowda as Indian President Shankar Dayal Sharma (center) looks on during a welcoming ceremony for Weizman in New Delhi yesterday.

### India may buy Israeli defense systems

INDIA is interested in purchasing defense systems from Israel, a source in President Ezer Weizman's entourage revealed yesterday.

The negoriations over the sale are at an advanced stage, the source said, noting that India was a relatively untapped market for the

As defense ties between the two countries grow closer. Israel is looking into the upgrading of India's MiG-21 fighters. Israel Aircraft Industries bead Moshe Keret, who was in Russia Sunday, was due to fly to New Delhi NEW DELHI

yesterday to hold discussions on the deal. together with other Israeli defense representa-

The Press Trust of India reported yesterday the Indian navy is considering buying advanced multi-mode maritime surveillance radar from Israel, following the acquisition by Pakistan of three P-3C Orion maritime surveil-

The radar can be fitted onto patrol belicopters and can track up to 100 targets at a time, according to the report. The proposal will he discussed during Weizman's visit, the report

The radar proposal comes close on the heels of an Indian purchase of two Super Dvora MKII patrol boats. The \$10 million deal was signed earlier this month in Tel Aviv.

Further sales of patrol boats will be discussed during the weeklong presidential visit, an IAI

### NEWS IN BRIEF

Dimona textile workers occupy plant Dimona Mayor Gabi Laloush and a representative of the receivers

of the closed Dimona Textiles plant yesterday held negotiations with laid-off workers who had occupied the factory. The workers were protesting that a compensation package has yet to be worked out, more than six months after the plant closed. Itin

yesterday morning. A young man who tried to save him also got into trouble, but was pulled from the water by others.

Body on beach not murder victim The body of a man in his 40s discovered on a Herzliya beach on Saturday night was not that of a murder victim, the Abu Kabir Forensics Institute ir determined yesterday. An autopsy discovered the man had drowned.

The High Court of Justice yesterday gave the Petah Tikva State Religious schools 30 days to justify a policy which effectively segregates Sephardim and Ashkenazim. The schools set up two different tracks, a Torah track and a science track, but de facto only Sephardim and new immigrants were put in the science track. The petition was filed by MK Ran Cohen (Meretz) and two parents whose daughter was denied entry into the Torah track.

Evelyn Gordon

### Bikur Holim doctor's surgery alleviates month-old Beduin girl's breathing problems

**JUDY SIEGEL** 

A MONTH-OLD Beduin baby to the age of several weeks are girl bom with a bone in her sinuses that prevented her from breathing every time she nursed was successfully treated by endoscopic surgery at Jerusalem's Bikur Holim Hospital yesterday.

Her mother, Fatma Kavua of Tel could not be a long-term solution Arad in the south gave birth at a Holim because Dr. Elimech Deutsch, head of the ear-nosecountry's only unit that performs such "key-bole" surgery on newborns for otolaryngology disor-

Dr. Ya'acov Armon, acting head of the bospital's neonatal intensive care unit, explained that bahies uo

unable to breathe through their mouth. If the nasal passages are completely blocked, it's impossible for the baby to nurse. A feeding tube was inserted down the throat of the 2.6-kilo baby, but this

In the operating room, Deutsch different hospital. However, the baby was transferred to Bikur of her nostrils, which has a tiny optic fiber that transmits video photographs to a screen that the and-throat department, runs the snrgeon watches. When he reached the bone blocking her air passages, he fractured it, creating a new passageway for normal breathing. Half an hour after the surgery began, the baby was breathing easily and did not need a

Ashkelon man drowns

A 70-year-old Ashkelon man drowned off one of the town's beaches

Bias alleged in State religious schools

### Study finds selenium helps prevent cancer

SELENIUM, which is found in vegetables and other foods, has been discovered by US researchers to offer protection against several

The study by Dr. Larry Clark of the Arizona Cancer Center in Tucson is published in the latest issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association. It confirmed previous findings of low selenium levels in the hlood of **JUDY SIEGEL** 

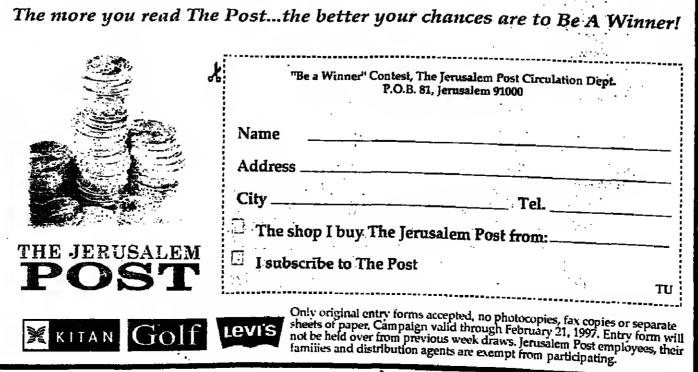
cancer, they were 50% more likely to survive it than those who had not taken selenium.

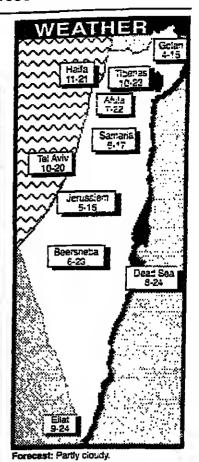
Prof. Samario Chaitchik, head of the oncology institute at Tel Aviv's Ichilov Hospital, said previous studies showed that people living in areas where selenium was missing from the soil and whose diet lacked that mineral had considerably higher cancer risks than those

#### thousands of Chinese cancer patients. In a study of 1,300 people who took a daily types of cancer. supplement of selenium in "primary yeast" form, the overall cancer risk was cut by nearly 40 percent. They had 46% less lung cancer, 58% less colon and rectal cancer, and 63% less prostate cancer. In addition, when they did get with selenium in their diet.

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AROUND THE WORLD

#### Winning cards

IN yesterday's Chance drawing. the winning cards were the 9 of spades, the 8 of hearts, the 9 of diamonds and the jack of clubs.

### **Cleared Ganot** could take a top police job

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CMDR. Ya'acov Ganet, the northera district police chief who was suspended on charges of bribery. is expected to become the national police operations chief, now that he has been acquined.

Ganot was cleared of charges of taking bribes, fraud and breach of trust, and a subsequent appeal by the state to the Supreme Court against his acquittal was also rejected Sunday, giving Ganot a clean bill of health.

Sources said Canot could expect to be appointed shortly, replacing Cmdr. Danny Brinker, who wil become the southern district chief. Ganot took voluntary leave from

the force in July 1994, pending an investigation against him. It was alleged that his friend, building contractor Subni Tanes, renovated his home in return for favors. Amoz Azani replaced him. Azani now bas been appointed Prisons Service Commissioner, replacing Arye Bibi, who is expected to run to he mayor of Petah Tikva. Ganot was charged with bribe-

taking, fraud and breach of trust. In May 1996, Nazareth District Court cleared him of all six cbarges. Tanos was also acquirted. The District Attorncy decided to

appeal the acquittal, but that was rejected on Sunday. Now Ganot can officially serve

in a senior post on the force again, although sources said his name had been blackened because of the trial. Ganot, who has not served in the force since his voluntary suspension, apparently wants the prestigious National Operations leadership. Police sources said his appointment would be bound to annoy some senior officers. "who will go over the court verdicts with a fine-tooth comb.

Two police commanders are currently without positions - Ya acov Borovsky, the president of the police appeals court, and Yossi Zecharia, who has just completed a course of study - and Internal Security Minister Avigdot Kahalani has to decide where to place them.

Cmdr. Avi Cohen has become the national intelligence chief, a new position working in liaison with the Internal Security Ministry and the national police headquarters. Hezi Leder, the outgoing police intelligence enief, is wait ing for a new post.

### TA chief rabbi: **Boycott Shabbat** violators

RABBI Haim David Halevy, the chief rabbi of Tel Aviv Jaffa, has recommended boycotting businesses that open on Shabbat.

Halevy said he had used the boycott tactic when he had previously served as chief rabbi of Rishon Lezion.

Shmuel Altalef, the head of the Tel Aviv-Jaffa Religious Council. Said Halevy's suggestion would be brought before the council's Shabbat committee for discussion. and then the council leadership would make a decision on the mat-

